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### ABSTRACT

Farm output projections show increases for all farm products, with large increases needed in feed grains. This instructional unit was developed to promote the effective ability of producers to plan and develop a system of storing and handling home grown grain crops for maximum profits. The unit is structured in eight lessons which can be adapted to fit a particular teaching situation. It was designed for use as a guide by teachers in planning and conducting young adult and adult farmer classes. Transparency and handout masters are found at the end of each lesson in the unit. In addition, several suggestions for supplementary enrichment activities are listed for each lesson. Teaching forms and a course evaluation questionnaire are appended. (Author/VA)

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### **FOREWORD**

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This adult-farmer unit is a result of the following sequence of actions:

- 1) The State Advisory Committee, made up of agriculture teachers, State staff, and teacher educators from throughout Kentucky was organized to determine needs and program direction for adult work in agriculture for the State. A major outcome of the first meeting in September, 1971, was a recommendation that more instructional materials that are specifically designed for teaching adults in agriculture be developed and distributed to teachers.
- 2) Subsequently, a proposal to involve experienced teachers of adults in material development was written by Dr. Maynard Iverson of the University of Kentucky and submitted for State funding. In January, 1972, a two-year, \$15,000 grant was made through the Supporting Services Division, Bureau of Vocational Education, State Department of Education.
- 3) Six teachers were selected to produce units in the diverse areas of need during the spring and summer of 1972. Mr. Hammer's unit, "Crop Storage and Handling," is a product of that project.

This publication, along with future materials developed specifically for the teaching of adults employed in agriculture in Kentucky, should improve the teaching of adult classes in agriculture and stimulate the initiation of additional classes.

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### SUGGESTIONS FOR USING THE UNIT

This unit was developed for use as a guide by teachers in planning and conducting young and adult farmer classes. The material contained herein was aimed at a statewide audience — teachers and farmers with a wide range in age, experience and expertise — hence a teacher should select those portions of the material which are suited to his particular situation. It is advisable to involve class members in determining what lessons to cover. The entire unit was designed to be taught in 8-10 sessions.

The format used was designed to assist teachers in utilizing problemsolving and the discussion method. A teaching procedure that has been used successfully is as follows: Step 1: The teacher lists the topic (problem and analysis) on the chalkboard. Step 2: He then sets the stage for discussion with introductory facts, ideas, or comments, using items from the section on "developing the situation." Step 3: The teacher calls on the class to give their experiences, ideas, and knowledge concerning the subject. The discussion is supplemented with handouts, transparencies, models, or other inputs gathered by the teacher beforehand to help solve the problem under consideration. Resource people or films may also be used here as sources of information. (Transparency and handout masters are found at the end of each lesson in the unit). Step 4: When the facts have been brought out and a good discussion has taken place, the teacher leads the group to appropriate conclusions. These summary statements are written on the chalkboard and, in some cases, are typed up and distributed as handouts at the next meeting. Some instructors will utilize panels, exhibits and tours to reinforce the conclusions reached. (Several suggestions for supplementary enrichment are listed in each lesson of this unit.)

The unit was built around the Midwest Planning Service booklet, Planning Grain-Feed Handling, (copy attached) and much data from the Agricultural Engineering Handbook. Teachers may wish to secure and provide copies of these publications for class members. (Cost can be covered through a small enrollment fee.) A number of people knowledgeable in this field are available locally and through State agencies; suggestions for specific personnel may be found in the VoAg Directory of Resource People in Kentucky.

Planning forms and a unit evaluation questionnaire are found in the appendix. Each teacher using the unit is asked to complete and return the questionnaire so that improvements can be made.

Our sincere best wishes for an outstanding adult program.

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### UNIT OBJECTIVES

### Major Teaching Objective:

To develop the effective ability of producers to plan and develop a system of storing and handling home grown grain crops for maximum profits.

### Specific Objectives:

- 1. To develop farmers' understanding of the advantages in storing grain crops for home use in order to sell on the most favorable markets.
- 2. To develop the effective ability of farmers to utilize the principles involved in the flow of feed grains from field to feed lot.
- 3. To develop the effective ability of farmers to plan a grain handling system layout which may be developed over a period of time.
- 4. To develop the effective ability of farmers to decide on electrical wiring and controls necessary to handle harvested grain.
- 5. To develop the effective ability of farmers to determine methods of unloading and elevating harvested grain crops.
- 6. To develop the effective ability of farmers to select desirable grain drying methods.
- 7. To develop the effective ability of farmers to determine storage facilities necessary for maximum profits.
- 8. To develop the effective ability of farmers to secure adequate systems for processing and dispensing feed materials.



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### Slides

- "Suffocation Hazards in Flowing Grain" by Bruce McKenzie, (Audio-Visual Center, Purdue University, Lafayette, Indiana) 61 slides with cassette and script.

  -also available for one day from TVA in Nashville, Tennessee, or through your local RECC.
- "Feed Processing and Handling," also available through TVA or your local RECC.

### Lesson L

### ADVANTAGES OF GRAIN CROP STORAGE ON THE FARM

Objective -- To develop farmer understanding of the advantages in storing grain crops for home use or to sell on the most favorable markets.

Problem and Analysis -- What are the advantages to the farmer in developing grain storage facilities on the farm?

- -Future outlook
- -Needs of the farmer
- -Convenience of home storage
- -Demands of the consumer

Content -- Subject matter for teacher preparation.

### I. Future Outlook

- A. Farm output projections to 1975 and 1985 show increases for all farm products, with large increases needed in feed grains.
- B. Major indicators are:
  - 1. Prices farmers receive for livestock will be favorable in relation to crops.
  - 2. Net income per U.S. farm will increase about 3-5 per-
    - 3. Farms will continue to increase in size.
    - 4. Capital requirements will increase 6-8 percent per year.

### II. Needs of the Farmer

- A. Storage facilities used by the past generation of farmers will not meet the needs of the farmer of the near future.
- B. Greater future needs can be predicted due to the following:
  - 1. The harvest of grain at a moisture content of between 24-28 percent is advantageous to the producer.
  - 2. Crops can be stored much sooner when harvested at 24-28 percent moisture.



- 3. Field losses are reduced by harvesting early.
- 4. Double cropping is encouraged.
- C. Economic facts of county elevator storage (at Farmers Elevator in Franklin, Kentucky):
  - 1. Farmers are allowed 30 days free storage to determine destiny of the grain. A charge of 5 cents in and 5 cents out is charged. If a farmer decides to leave his grain for storage at the elevator, 1½ cents per month is charged (18 cents annually).
  - 2. Inspection of grain is made each ten day period. Fumigation for insects costs 1 cent per bushel. At terminal markets, X-rays are made of grain to be used for milling; dead weevils not having exit holes are tolerated (up to four dead weevils per 1,000 kernels) in grain to be used for flour for human consumption. Condemned flour goes into dog food. Also, grain is observed closely for alfatoxin, a fungus caused by drying grain too slow. Grain with this fungus is completely condemned in food market channels.
  - 3. Drying charges are as follows:

Grain	Cost per	½% Moisture	Percentages of moisture at which price discount starts
corn wheat soybeans barley oats		1½c 2 c 2½c 1 c 1 c	15.5% 14.0% 13.0% 14.0% 13.0%

- D. Benefits to farmers from Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC):
  - 1. Farmers who are eligible can get ready cash right after harvest at  $3\frac{1}{2}$  percent interest. You can borrow up to 90 percent of your 1972 production of eligible grain multiplied by the support rate in your county.
  - 2. Livestock producers are eligible for a 3½ percent loan on feed inventories, to be paid back as they feed it out.
  - 3. ASCS is also trying to help farmers lock in good prices with forward contracts. Forward contracts have become an important marketing tool for farmers. ASCS has lifted the ban they had last year.
  - 4. Reseal payments for storing sealed grain on the farm during periods of heavy supply. CCC has guaranteed reseal on 1971 corn at least through May, 1973. The farmer gets 14.6 cents a bushel per year for storage. You still pay 3½ percent interest on your commodity loan.
  - 5. Loans may be used for farm storage and drying equipat the rate of  $5\frac{1}{2}$  percent.

### III. Convenience of Home Storage

- A. The practice of harvesting high-moisture corn has grown to a point far beyond the capabilities of off-farm commercial drying and storage facilities in the state.
- B. Installation of drying and storage facilities on the home farm has become necessary for rapid harvest.
- C. The inconvenience and delay caused by long waiting lines at commercial elevators have created new demands for farm storage.

### IV. Demands of the Consumer

A. Generally home-stored grain by the better farmers will command a higher price at any given time than will grain stored in a commercial elevator because home-stored grain benefits from close observation; thus quality is kept higher. Early harvested grain will be of better quality for feed purposes or for the manufacture of cereals for human consumption because of its higher nutrient value.

### Suggestions for Teaching the Lesson

### I. Developing the Situation

A. Things to be brought out by the teacher:

- 1. The latest study of on-farm storage cost comes from a study made by P. W. Lytle and Maurice D. Kniep, University of Nebraska. Their study showed on-farm storage pays if the grain is kept longer than four months. Storage for less than four months would be cheaper in a commercial elevator.
- 2. The cost of drying and storing corn on your farm includes both fixed and variable expenditures.
- 3. Annual fixed costs which you will incur whether or not on-farm drying and storage facilities are used include depreciation, interest, taxes and insurance.
- 4. Annual variable costs which you will incur from operating on-farm facilities incude: dryer operating cost, interest and insurance on the inventory, grain handling cost related to drying and storing, and repairs and maintenance.
- 5. Three 10,000 bushel bins -- a 30,000 bushel system (bin life 25 years) -- will cost about 33 cents per bushel; annual cost is about 2.6 cents per bushel. Batch-in-bin drying (150 bu. per hr., 10 point moisture removal) will increase the initial cost to 47 cents, with annual cost at 4.2 cents per bushel. Adding a continuous-flow dryer will increase the cost to 51 cents per bushel -- an annual fixed cost about 5 cents per bushel.

- B. Things to get from class members:
  - 1. Their outlook regarding future grain production
  - 2. Needs for storage on individual farms
  - 3. Problems due to inadequate storage
  - 4. Experiences in utilizing present storage and estimating future needs

### II. Conclusions

- A. For periods longer than four months storage, there is a definite advantage in storing grain on the home farm; this allows later sale or feeding of the grain. In storing grain on the home farm, we will always have the quality of grain which we produce. At commercial elevators we probably would not receive the feed grain we produced.
- B. Over the long-term, we can store grain more economically at home than at any other point.
- C. Properly managed, we can have better quality grain to feed our livestock. In many cases, especially with flooded markets at harvest time, grain bins have been paid for in less than one year by not having to sell on a depressed market.
- D. The convenience of having available storage facilities at home has a value not expressed in dollars. Also, there is much time saved by not having to deliver grain several miles from the home farm and wait in long lines to unload.
- E. Many loan benefits are available through your local ASCS office. Check your local committee for benefits in your county.

### III. Enrichment Activities

- A. Check cost of home storage in your county and the advantages of home storage.
- B. Check county elevator in your community for storage charge. Check for advantages and disadvantages of elevator storage.

### IV. Suggested Teaching Materials

### A. References

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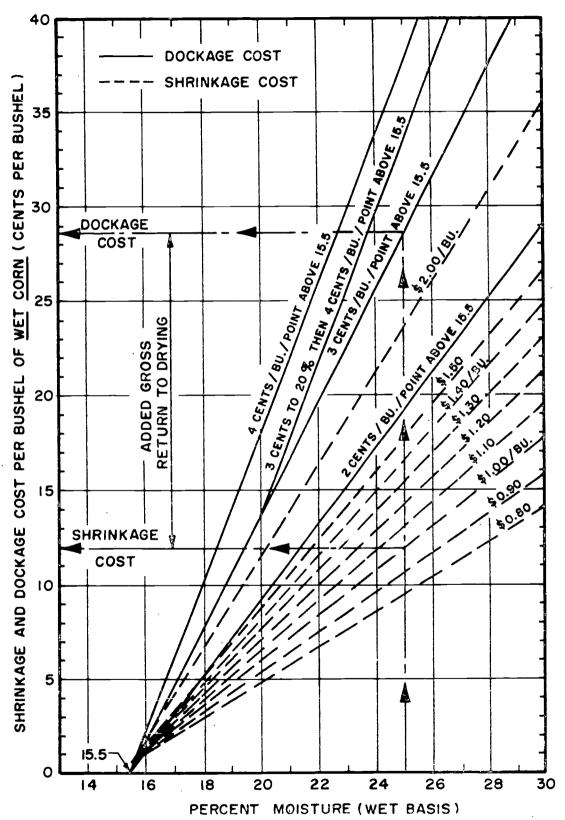


### B. Audio-Visuals

- 1. Masters\*
  - -1 Added Gross Returns to Drying Corn
  - -2 Economics of Drying Corn
  - -3 Cost of Heat Obtained from Various Fuels



<sup>\*</sup>Masters are keyed to units and lessons, and are numbered consecutively. The code number appears in the lower right hand corner. Master "Adult 104-1-1A" indicates: adult unit number 104, lesson 1, item 1, part A.



SOURCE: Data taken from the forthcoming University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension bulleton, Economics of Drying Corn by Dr. Harvey hamaledon.



COL VIMIOS OF DRYING 1000 BUSHARS OF CORN(WET) FROM VARIOUS MOISTURE LEVYLS TO 19.9% WHEN THE DISCOURT RATE IS 3.0 CENTS PER POINT (1.5 CENTS PER HALF-POINT) ABOVE 19.5% AND THE PRICE IS \$ 1.40 PER BUSHEL.

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19.00	10.5	1494.99	953.53	1335.00	40.01	4.00	4.20
19.50	12.0	1279.99	947.66	1326.72	46.73	4.67	4.93
20.00	13.5	1264.99	941.75	1313.43	53.44	5.34	5.68
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23.50	24.0	1159.99	930.33	1260.45	100.46	10.05	11.16
24.00	25.5	1144.99	894.41	1252.16	107.17	10.72	11.98
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29.50	42.0	979.99	829.32	1161.04	181.05	18.10	21.83
30.00	43.5	964.99	823.40	1152.75	187.76	18.78	22.80
30.50	45.0	949.99	817.49	1144.47	194.48	19.45	23.79
31.00	46.5	934.99	811.57	1136.19	201.20	20.12	24.79
31.50	48.0	919.99	805.65	1127.90	207.91	20.79	25.81
32.00	49.5	904.99	799.73	1119.62	214.63	21.46	26.84
32.50	51.0	889.99	793.82	1111.33	221.34	22.13	27.88
33.00	52.5	674.99	737.90	1103.05	228.06	22.81	28.95
33.50	54.0	859.99	781.98	1094.77	234.78	23.48	30.02
34.00	55.5	844.99	776.05	1086.48	241.49	24.15	31.12
34.50	57.0	829.99	770.15	1078.20	248.21	24.82	32.23
35.00	58.5	814.99	764.23	1069.92	254.93	25.49	33.36

<sup>\*</sup> WET BUSHELS IS WET WI-DIVIDED BY LBS PER BU-(NORMALLY 56 LB/BU).

SOURCE: Data taken from the forthcoming University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension bulletin, "Economics of Drying Corn" by Dr. Harvey Hamilton.

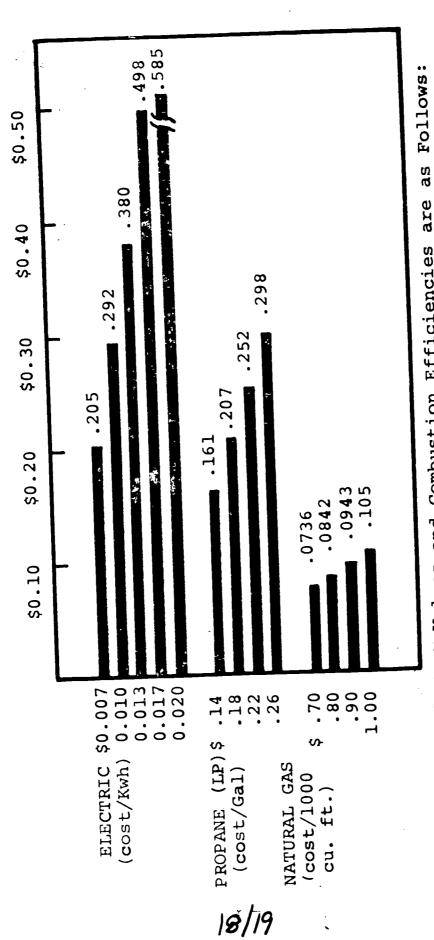
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<sup>\*\*</sup> WEIGHT LOSS INCLUDES 1/2% INVISIBLE SHRINK.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> DRY BUSHELS IS BASED ON 15.5% MOISTURE CONTENT.

<sup>\*\*\*\*</sup> INCREASE IN VALUE ABOVE THE VALUE SOLD WET.

Cost (\$/Hr) for 100,000 BTU/Hr of Heat Output\*



\*Fuel Heat Values and Combustion Efficiencies

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	1,000 BTU/cu. IC. 92,000 BTU/gal. 3,413 BTU/kw. hr.
Estimated Efficiency Percent	1,000 BTU 95 95 3,413 BTU 100 3,413 BTU
Fuel	Natural Gas (Direct Fired) Propane (LP) (Direct Fired) Electricity

Data taken from the forthcoming University of Kentucky Cooperative "Economics of Drying Corn" by Dr. Harvey Hamilton. SOURCE:

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### Lesson 2

### PRINCIPLES OF FEED FLOW

Objective -- To develop the effective ability of farmers to utilize the principles involved in the flow of feed from field to feed lot.

Problem and Analysis -- What important principles of feed flow should farmers utilize?

-Convenience of the operator

-Installation of proper equipment

-Principles of materials flow

-Materials flow process

### Content

- I. Convenience of the Operator
  - A. The convenience of any operator is of major importance in any materials handling system.
  - B. Principles affecting convenience:
    - 1. Flowing materials will increase convenience in any materials handling system.
    - Flowing materials can be moved from one point to another, in any direction, without interruption or stoppage.
    - 3. Any stoppage of material flow in a system will spoil the intent of the whole system.
- II. Installation of Proper Equipment
  - A. Material flow involves piecemeal installations which act together as parts of an overall plan.
  - B. The farm operator should utilize the principles of materials flow to develop an effective and workable materials handling system. Steps are:
    - 1. Determine system requirements.
    - 2. Select equipment to fit the system.
    - Secure competent services to assemble and install the system.



### III. Principles of Materials Flow

- A. Process material to reduce volume and facilitate handling.
  - 1. Consider the type of material involved.
  - 2. The order of convenience of handling (but not necessarily in economical order) are: liquids, free flowing material and non-free flowing material.
  - 3. By changing the physical form, a non-free flowing material may be made relatively free flowing. For example, using a picker-sheller to harvest corn.
- B. Store as close to the point of use as possible to eliminate further transport.
  - 1. Storage units should be placed where materials can be handled at least cost.
  - Consider the amount of material to be handled, distance to location of usage, and method of handling.
  - 3. Locate the grain center 150-200 feet from the feeding operation so that processed feed may be economically moved by horizontal auger.
- C. Employ high-flow and processing rates to reduce time involved in these activities.
  - 1. Time saved may enable operators to produce more pounds of meat or bushels of grain at lower operating costs.
  - 2. An increase may be possible in the amount of livestock or grain an operator can take care of with same amount of labor and time.
  - 3. An operator may be able to operate his farm without hired help.
- D. Use facilities that will mechanically, through manual or automatic controls, move feed from one point to another.
  - 1. Grain and feed handling systems should be constructed of continuous-flow units -- units designed primarily to set materials into uninterrupted motion and direct the flow. Examples: augers and elevators.
  - 2. Equipment selected will be affected not only by the type of livestock and feeding practices, but also by the condition of the material.
  - 3. Increasing the moisture content of corn in 6 inch augers from 14% to 25% requires 4 times the horsepower per bushel.
  - 4. If automatic operation of equipment is planned, electric motors should be interconnected so the entire system will stop in case of accidental stoppage from foreign material, or in the event of equipment failure.
- E. Degree of mechanization depends on flow requirements and frequency of use.
  - 1. As the process becomes more automatic and continuous, the flow rate may be reduced.



- 2. A process may run continuously without supervision and therefore, for more hours.
- 3. In a continuous flow system consider the total material handled per season, not just nominal system capacity.

4. It is estimated that for every 10,000 bu. of grain sold or fed, approximately 30,000 bu. must be handled.

- 5. As the mechanization level increases, the need for elevated storage facilities decreases.
- F. Use gravity flow when justified.
  - 1. Frequently the most convenient method of flow is by gravity, but it may be the highest in cost.
  - 2. Gravity should be applied only when its special characteristics are essential to the flow pattern.
  - 3. All bins and spouts must have a slope so material will flow freely.
  - 4. As a rule do not use slopes under 37° for dry grain, 45° for wet grain, and 60° for ground feed.
- G. All components of the flow system must be matched in capacity or provisions must be made to buffer dissimilar flow rates.
  - 1. In a continuous flow process, the smallest capacity unit controls the flow rate of the total system.
  - 2. Surge bins act as buffers between two different flow rates.
- H. Combine as many operations as possible.
  - 1. Use facilities for more than one material.
  - 2. Use facilities for grain storage and feed processing.
  - 3. Use a "closed-loop" system if possible.
- I. Management is an important factor of the system.
  - 1. Individual units of equipment that make up a system are only tools.
  - 2. This principle requires operators to examine road blocks and bottlenecks that keep returns to farms comparatively low:
  - 3. The system may be designed so that it will operate in spite of the operator.

### IV. Materials Flow Process

- A. The material flow process can be divided into its functions to identify some of the critical points and equipment alternatives.
  - 1. Harvesting:
    - a. Picker.
    - b. Picker-sheller.
    - c. Combine.



- 2. Storage:
  - a. Metal bins.
  - b. Wood buildings.
  - c. Silos.
- 3. Transport -- conveyor:
  - a. Augers.
  - b. Chains.
  - c. Belts.
  - d. Air.
- 4. Vehicle: truck or wagon.
- 5. Processing:
  - a. Pelleter.
  - b. Sheller.
  - c. Grinder.
  - d. Roller.
  - e. Crusher.

### Suggestions for Teaching the Lesson

### I. Developing the Situation

- A. Things to be brought out by the teacher:
  - 1. To be successful a farmer must understand the materials to be handled.
  - 2. Knowledge of principles of flow can greatly cut the cost of moving materials and cut labor costs.
  - 3. The convenience of the operator should be considered first.
  - 4. The cost of equipment should be figured and compared to the annual cost of moving feed using conventional methods.
  - 5. Major consideration should be given to processes for converting feed materials to an easy-flow status.
  - 6. For each dairy cow we have to handle 7½ tons of feed per year if handled only once. Add to this total the milk, water and manure, and we have a grand total of 19 tons of material per cow per year!
- B. Things to be brought out by the class members:
  - 1. The most common methods which class members are using to move materials.
  - 2. Inconvenient methods being used in the locality.

### II. Conclusions

A. Materials which will flow will increase the convenience of handling more than any other factor. Therefore, there has been a vast effort in this direction (shelled corn). Some new problems have been encountered, but the convenience and labor saving far outweigh the minor problems created.



- B. Generally, farmers are still behind in the use of completely automatic equipment which is now available. A thorough investigation of the proper equipment should be made before the system is selected. A farmer should buy what he needs and not be sold equipment he does not need.
- C. The type of materials to be moved should be determined before equipment is installed. Changing a non-free flowing material to a relatively free flowing material is recommended.
- D. Plan to move materials the least possible number of times and the shortest possible distance to reduce time and costs.

### III. Enrichment Activities

- A. Invite a farm adviser from the local RECC to give a presentation on principles of flow.
- B. Show films of some poor methods which waste time.
- C. Calculate the amount of feed to be moved for different farm animals each year.

### Suggested Teaching Materials

- References
  - 1. Planning Grain-Feed Handling, pp. 5-15.

  - Successful Farming, June-July, 1972.
     Agricultural Engineering Handbook, 1970.

### B. Audio Visuals

- Masters 1.
  - -1 Feed System with Automatic Transport
  - -2 Motor Controls for Conveyors in Sequence
  - -3 Material Flow Process Functions
  - -4 Functional Sequence in Grain Harvesting/Handing/ Drying
  - -5 Flow Chart for Handling Grain



# FEED SYSTEM WITH AUTOMATIC TRANSPORT

FEED MILL

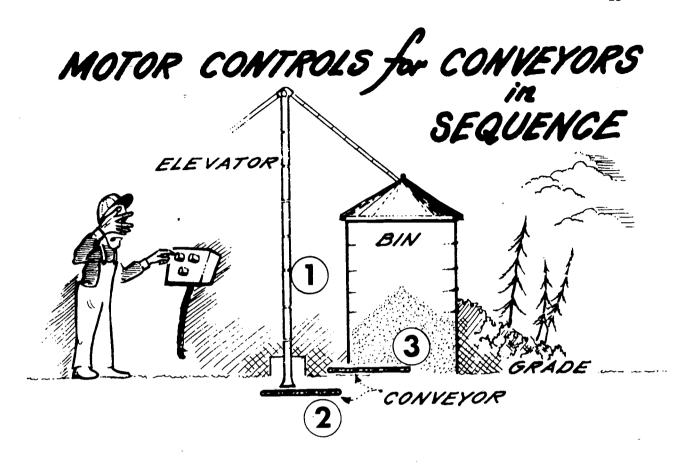
FEED AREA

FEEDERS STORAGE BIN SURGE BIN STORAGE BIN

Automated Electric Controls

- Bin switches on work bin to start and stop conveyor from storage bin.
  - Mill switch to turn off mill if no grain is flowing from work bin.
- Bin switches on storage bin in feed area to start and stop mill automatically as feed flows from storage bin into feeders.
- Switch at end of conveyor in feed area to stop conveyor when all feeders are full.

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Material flow 3-2-1 Motor starting sequence 1-2-3

Motor starters may be installed so the motor may be started 1) automatically by pressing one start button, or 2) individually. This provision may be expanded so that motor cannot be started in any other sequence than 1-2-3. If motor number 2 is stopped due to overload, motors 1 and 3 will stop at same time. This type of automated control is possible with magnetic motor starters.

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to move from
one part of
system to
another ▼ To Feedouts To Market Transport - Conveyor
auger
chain
belt Sheller Sheller Grinder Crusher Crusher Stationary Portable Wood Building ▶ Silos Metal Bins Drying -Wagon Truck Picker Sheller Ear Corn Small Grain Picker \_

MATERIAL FLOW PROCESS FUNCTIONS

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PROCESSING

STORAGE

HARVEST

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FUNCTIONAL SEQUENCE IN GRAIN HARVESTING /HANDLING / DRYING

- Transport - Market Harvest - Transport - Unload - Receive - Elevate → Process → Convey LDry → Unload →Elevate —

Equipment Alternatives for Each Flow Function.

SOURCE: Planning Grain-Feed Handling, p. 3.

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## EQUIPMENT ALTERNATIVES FOR FLOW FUNCTIONS

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### Lesson 3

### PLANNING AN EXPANDABLE GRAIN-HANDLING SYSTEM

Objective -- To develop the effective ability of farmers to plan a handling system layout which may be developed over a period of time.

Problem and Analysis -- How important is good planning in the development of feed storage systems on the farm?

-Basic concepts in planning -Sequence in development -Value of good planning

### Content

- I. Basic Concepts in Planning
  - A. Space should be provided to develop storage facilities which exceed present estimates of future needs.
    - Before the first storage bin is constructed, a welldrained site should be selected.
    - 2. Selection should consider field access and relationship to farmstead buildings.
    - 3. Electrical power needs may have slight influence on location.
    - 4. The grain area should be near a surfaced road, but in an area of the farmer's normal travel, allowing for frequent checks.
  - B. All construction should be of a permanent nature which can be added to as the farm business advances.
    - 1. Storage bins are useful for twenty to twenty-five years.
    - 2. The best automatic controls for sensoring heat, moisture and volume should be installed to cut down on time and labor. Many farmers are not taking advantage of controls which are available at reasonable cost to cut down labor and manager's time.
    - 3. According to the Farm Journal (July, 1972) Memle Fairchild of Illinois developed a one-man harvest of corn by automating a drying and storing system so that he can "dump and run" while harvesting 50,000 bushels of corn. In one day he processed 5,000 bushels.

- 4. Mechanical failure presents problems in a completely automated system. Alarms and sirens tied in to alert the operator when equipment needs attention can be very beneficial.
- C. Plans should first consider the individual needs of a farmer.
  - 1. All farms have different and individual needs; however, each farmer can readily place his operation in the plan of development (below) that is suggested for beginners (young farmers). This plan goes from a basic setup to a final system of grain handling. (See masters at the end of the lesson.)
  - 2. Size of the drying bin depends on harvest capacity, while size of storage bins depends on total storage required. It is desirable to store all the grain in the bins located adjacent to the center bin, but this is not a must.
- II. Sequence in Developing a System (keyed to transparency masters at end of lesson):
  - A. Step No. 1. Construct the first bin twenty-one feet in diameter (minimum size), seven rings high (32" per ring).

    A dryer should be installed in this first bin for batch drying. In batch drying, grain should not exceed four feet in depth at a given time.
    - 1. Example of needs -- A two-row picker will pick approximately 1,500 bushels in one day's time. In 24 hours drying time, moisture can be reduced from 25 percent to 11 percent on 1,500 bushels.
    - 2. A portable auger is necessary for Step No. 1.
  - B. Step No. 2. Construct the second bin 24 feet to 26 feet from the first bin. This distance is to permit future development of the drive-through and processing area. Also, a portable auger can be easily moved for use in bin one or two.
  - C. Step No. 3. Construction of bin number three should be approximately two to six feet from bin number two, allowing 24 to 26 feet for a drive and processing area to be developed. The original portable auger can be used for bin number three.
  - D. Step No. 4. Construct bin number four on the side of the drive near bin number one. (Also allow for the development of the drive-through lane, dump pit, wet-grain bin, fast drying unit, and bucket elevator to a height necessary for gravity flow to all bins.)



- 1. Some farmers may elect to construct an entire complex at one given time if the needs and financial ability warrant such a move.
- 2. For the most economical system, small bins should not be included in the plans. The equipment necessary to move grain to and from small bins is practically as expensive as it is for large bins.

### Suggestions for Teaching the Lesson

- I. Developing the Situation
  - A. Things to be brought out by the teacher:
    - 1. Many times quick decisions have to be made when an oversupply of feeds is produced.
    - 2. Reduced prices at harvest time in many cases force a farmer to accept lower prices for his products.
    - 3. During harvest time many commercial elevators are filled and will not accept any grain for storage.
    - 4. Prior planning on the part of the wise farmer will prevent these unfortunate "bad luck" situations from happening. "Good luck" is wise planning, well executed.
    - 5. Plans should be made to begin a system which can be added on to annually as the grain program expands. Develop the system by steps, as other successful farmers have, for greater profits.
  - B. Things to be brought out by the class members:
    - 1. Problems experienced in installing storage facilities; how they could have been prevented.
    - 2. Information on successful systems; have class members point out good features of their systems.
    - 3. Compare a good class situation to the plan outlined in the unit.

### II. Conclusions

- A. Planning a profitable and useable feed storage system is of utmost importance to the farmer. It is important to the extent that farmers should consult advisers for assistance in the overall planning.
- B. The permanency of bin construction and capital funds needed for this system of storage and handling require wise and correct decisions.
- C. The selection of best locations for storage areas, size of bins to meet our individual needs, and type of accessory equipment needed for various stages of development is of prime importance.



- D. An overall plan to follow as the young farmer expands his grain and feeding program is vital to his success.
- E. The plan should consider feeding areas. If the terrain permits, livestock feeding should be in reasonable proximity to the storage complex.
- F. The advice of a good, reliable dealer in storage and dispensing equipment should not be overlooked.

### III. Enrichment Activities

- A. The local teacher may make some slides of class members and their storage facilities and point out some desirable features of each. Use slides of the most desirable operators in the district.
- B. Invite to the session an older farmer who has been successful in grain storage.
- C. Visit farms where good situations have been developed. Let the operator point out good and bad points of the storage and feeding equipment.

### IV. Suggested Teaching Materials

### A. References

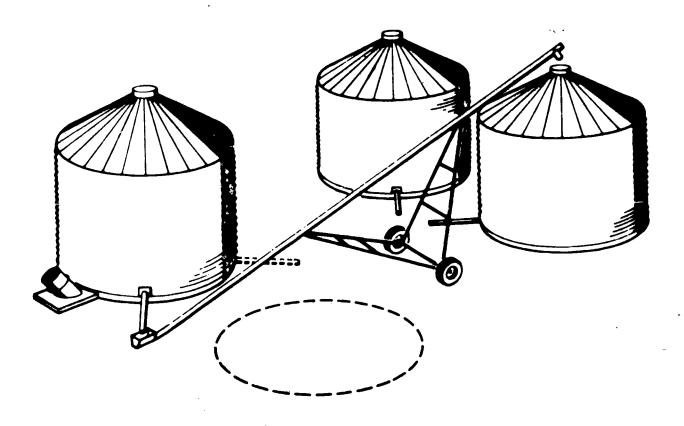
- 1. Planning Grain-Feed Handling, Purdue University, pp. 1-14.
- 2. Agricultural Engineering Handbook, University of Kentucky, pp. 1-18.
- 3. Farm Journal, July, 1972, p. 15.

### B. Audio-Visuals

- 1. Masters
  - -1 Pattern Layout for Inclined Elevator
  - -2 (Screen sheet for overlay of transparency 3.)
  - -3 Dimension in Placement of the Grain Handling Facilities
  - -4 Portable Auger in Use Through Step No. 3
  - -5 A Complete Grain Storage, Drying and Handling System

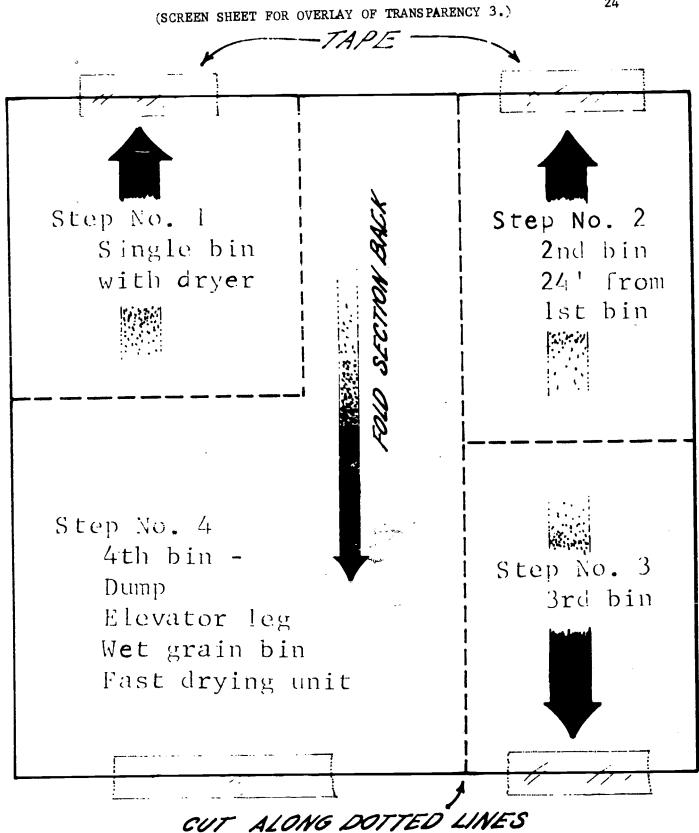


### PATTERN LAYOUT FOR INCLINED ELEVATOR

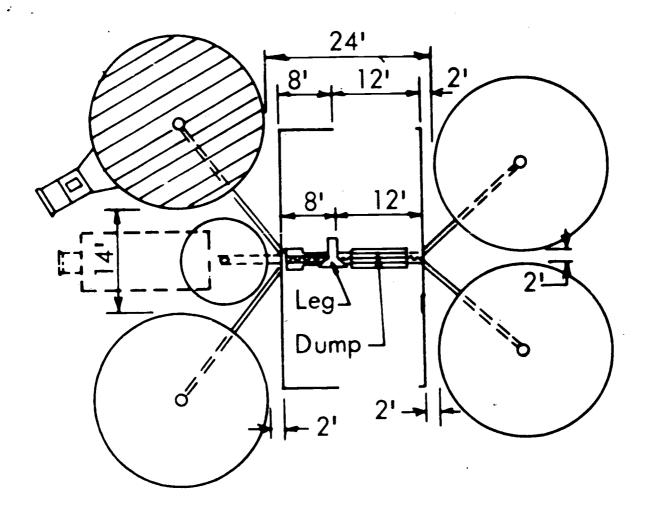


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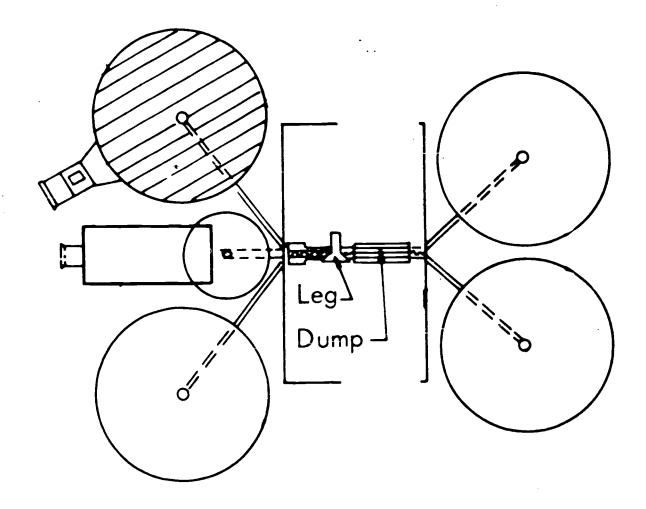
## DIMENSION IN PLACEMENT OF THE GRAIN HANDLING FACILITIES



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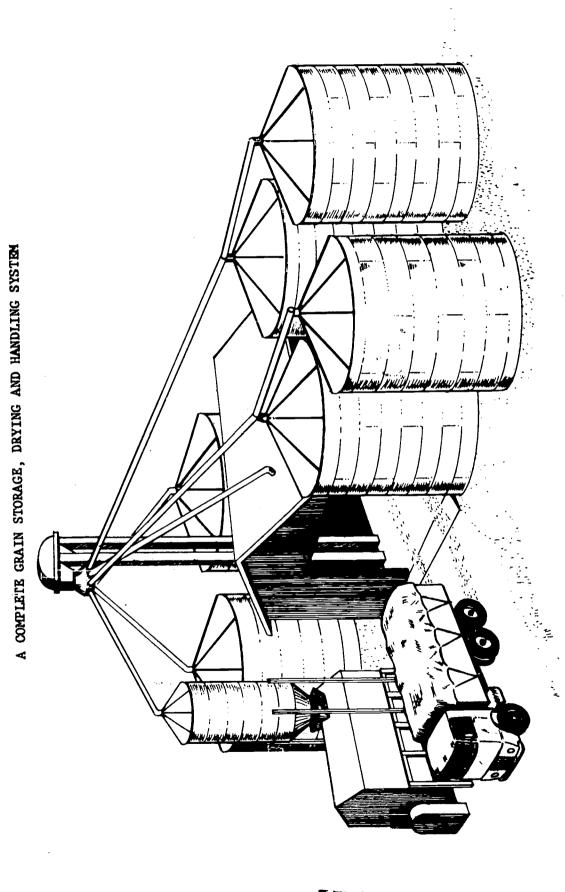




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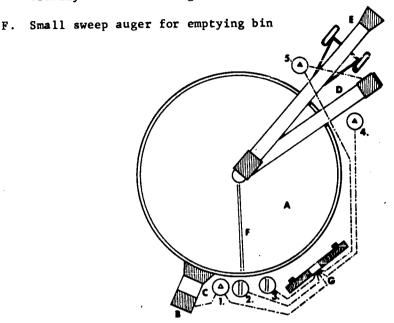
### ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT, WIRING AND CONTROLS

- Objective -- To develop the effective ability of farmers to decide on electrical wiring and controls necessary to handle harvested grain.
- Problem and Analysis -- What electrical equipment, wiring, and controls are necessary for an automated feed storage and handling system?
  - -Electrical and wiring for Step No. 1 in Problem No. 3 (Planning a System).
  - -Wiring and equipment for additional bins
  - -Electrical wiring and equipment for building, dump pit, bucket elevator and feed processing equipment.
  - -Electrical wiring and equipment for wet grain holding bin, unloading auger and continuous flow drying unit

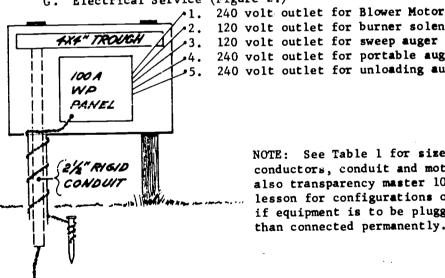
### Content

- I. Electrical Equipment and Wiring for Bin No. 1 (Figure 1)
  - A. 21 foot or larger bin with perforated floor for drying
  - B. Drying fan, usually 7½ to 10 H.P. motor with controls
  - C. Drying burner with temperature and humidity controls, usually 500,000 to 1,000,000 b.t.u., L.P. gas or oil fired
  - D. Unloading auger, capacity of 1,000-1,300 bu. per hour, usually 30-35 feet long, 3-5 H.P. motor

E. Portable Filling Auger, capacity of 1,000-1,300 Bu. per hour usually 30-35 feet long - 3-5 H.P. motor



G. Electrical Service (Figure 2.)



120 volt outlet for burner solenoid and controls 120 volt outlet for sweep auger and distributor

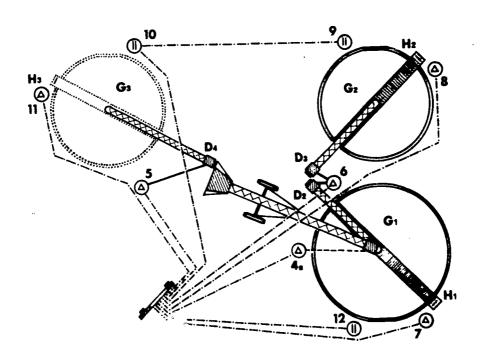
240 volt outlet for portable auger motor 240 volt outlet for unloading auger

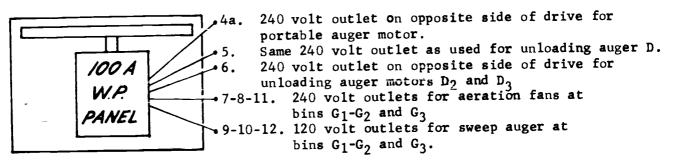
> NOTE: See Table 1 for size of circuit conductors, conduit and motor starters, also transparency master 10 at end of lesson for configurations of receptacles if equipment is to be plugged in rather than connected permanently.

#4/o Direct Burial Wire, 200 Amps. If distance is over 250 feet to meter installation, a new metered service should be considered at bin location.

Electrical Equipment and Wiring - Additional Bins

- G<sub>1-2-3</sub> Additional bins of required capacity solid floor with air ducts for aeration
- $H_{1-2-3}$  Aeration Fans usually 3/4 to 1 1/2 H.P. motor
- D<sub>2-3-4</sub> Unloading Augers same as D. Figure 1 May use same motor and drive for all unloading augers.





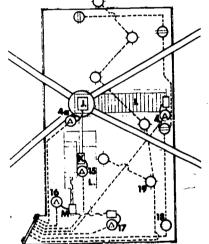
NOTE: See Table 1.

Electrical Equipment and Wiring for Building, Dump Pit, Bucket Elevator and Feed Processing Equipment.

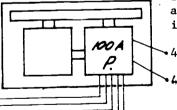
- Dump pit equipped with auger for feeding bucket elevator.
   Normally 1 1/2-2 H.P. motor.
- J. Bucket Elevator capacity 1,200-1,500 Bu. per hour. Header at top with 6 outlets controlled from the ground. Usually 3-5 H.P. motor.
- K. Mills with proportioning augers, equipped with over-head storage or a system of small ground level storage tanks with automatic augers to supply grain and supplement as required by mill. Mill usually 3 to 5 H.P.
- L. Auger(s) to move feed mill to storage bin. Usually 1/2 H.P.

M. Storage bin for ground feed.

- N. Unloading auger(s)
  for ground feed
  bin. Usually
  1/2 H.P.
- O. Lighting and receptacle outlets for building.
  Usually one lighting outlet for each 200 sq. ft. and a receptable for every 20 ft. of usable wall.



P. Add additional 100 a panel to service entrance. The building should be constructed to enclose the original service or this new panel should be located inside the building. Also all switches and controls for conveyor motors should be relocated in the area of the dump pit.



240 volt outlet for dump pit auger

240 volt outlet for bucket elevator. Outlets that originally supplied portable auger may be relocated.

- $l_{15}$ . 120/240 volt outlet for mill and connecting supply augers.
- -16. 240 volt outlet for mill unloading auger(s) controlled by mill.
- 17. 240 volt outlet for ground feed bin unloading auger(s).
- -18. One or more 120 volt circuits to supply convenience outlets
- -19. One or more 120 volt circuits to supply lighting.

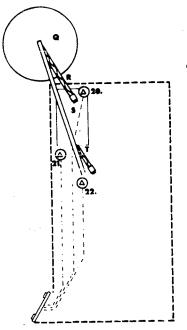


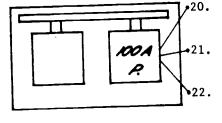
Electrical equipment and wiring for wet grain holding bin, unloading auger, automatic batch or continuous flow drying unit.

- Q. Wet grain tin to hold one or more days harvest. To be filled by bucket elevator.
- R. Wet bin unloading auger. To be controlled by dryer, usually 1/2-1 H.P.
- S. Automatic drying unit, usually a batch dryer up to 15,000-20,000 bushel per year production. Above this a continuous flow dryer may be an advantage. Usually a 5-15 H.P. motor will power the batch

dryer. 25 H.P. or more will be on the continuous flow dryer. It will require three phase power and a new three phase service entrance.

T. Dryer unloading auger controlled by dryer. Usually 1/2-1 H.P. Bucket elevator will deliver the dry grain to the bins. It too will be controlled by dryer.





240 volt outlet for wet bin unloading auger. To be controlled by dryer.

120/240 outlet for dryer. This includes power for gas burner and controls.

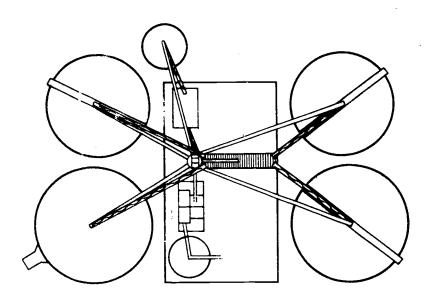
240 volt dryer unloading auger. To be controlled by dryer.

NOTE: See Table 1.

Complete Grain Handling, Drying, Storing and Processing System

Solid line indicates filling equipment

Wavy line indicates unloading equipment



NOTE: If an automated system is planned, all motors should be equipped with magnetic motor starters at the time of original installation. Control devices can easily be added later. For advice or assistance with planning your wiring, contact your power supplier.

TABLE NO. 1 - WIRING AND CONTROL INFORMATION FOR ELECTRIC MOTORS

	Motor Controller NEMA Size	0000	00	1 1½-2 2	ı m		000	00	7 1 1	7
Motor	Amps (Heater Strip) 125%	5/6 <del>1/2</del> 7-9 8-10	10-12 12-15	17½ - 20 30-35 40-50	50-70		3½-4½ 5-6½	6 <b>½-9</b> 9-12	15-20 25-30 30-35	40-50
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ise Motors	Conduit	1/2" 1/2" 1/2"	1/2"	3/4" 3/4"	1-1/4"	se Motors	1/2"	1/2" 1/2"	1/2" 3/4" 3/4"	I
Single-Phase Motors	Wire Size (Copper) 50' 2 % Drop	222	12 12	10	0 4	Three-Phase Motors	12	12	12 10 8	9
	Switch Size	90.0	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	30	100		30	30	30 60 60	9
	Normal Amp. Rating at 230 V.	6.9 6.9	8 10 12	17 28	40 50		3.5	6.5 5.9	15 22 27	40
	Motor Size	1/2 3/4	$\frac{1}{1-1/2}$	1 co ro	7-1/2		1	1 7 7 8	5 7-1/2 10	15

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Source: "Guide for Adequate Farmstead Wiring" available at your RECC power supplier.

### Suggestions for Teaching the Lesson

### I. Developing the Situation

- A. Things to be brought out by the teacher:
  - 1. Point out the cost of wiring by a licensed electrician.
  - 2. Note the saving in cost of labor if the farmer has some training in electrical wiring and can do his own wiring with the aid of an RECC adviser.
  - 3. Stress the importance of building panels to which additions can be made as the system progresses.
- B. Things to be brought out by the class members:
  - 1. The electrical knowledge of members desiring to expand their program.
  - 2. Skill levels of class members in performing simple electrical exercises.

### II. Conclusions

- A. The electrical equipment, wiring and controls for storage and handling are very exacting and must meet national code standards.
- B. The farmer will not be satisfied with, and cannot afford to accept any job of wiring and controls of lower quality than is necessary to do the job satisfactorily.
- C. Plan a system to meet requirements of the individual farmer.
- D. Use as many automatic controls as possible to cut down on labor.
- E. For advice, contact the local power supplier.

### III. Enrichment Activities

- A. Invite a local electrician or RECC farm adviser to a class session on wiring and controls.
- B. Arrange a field trip to a farm with equipment and wiring for one or two bins.
- C. Arrange a field trip to a farm with equipment and wiring for building, dump pit and feed processing equipment.

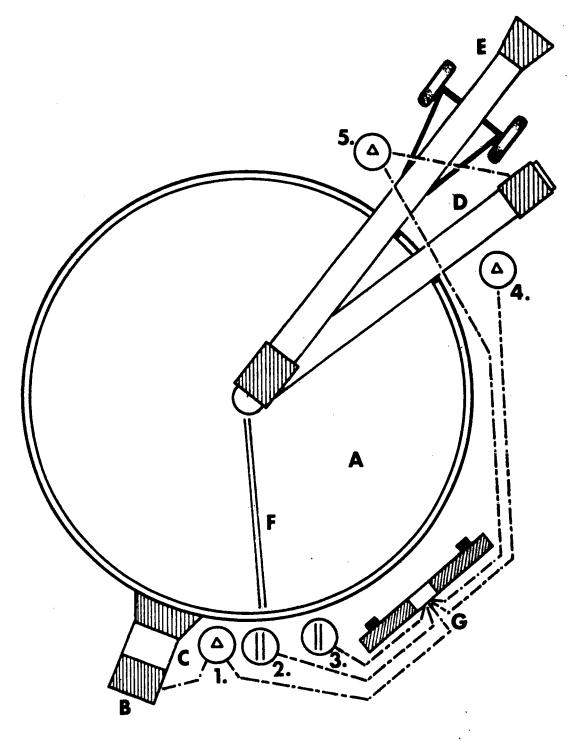
### IV. Suggested Teaching Materials

- A. References
  - 1. Guide for Adequate Farmstead Wiring.
  - 2. Doane's Farm Management Guide, pp. 295-298.
  - 3. Farm Electricity, pp. 205-250.

### B. Audio-Visuals

- 1. Masters
  - -1 Electrical Equipment and Wiring for Bin No. 1
  - -2 Electrical Equipment and Wiring Additional Bins
  - -3 Electrical Equipment and Wiring for Building, Dump Pit, Bucket Elevator and Feed Processing Equipment
  - -4 Electrical Equipment and Wiring for Wet Grain Holding Bin, Unloading Auger, Automatic Batch or Continuous Flow Drying Unit
  - -5 Complete Grain Handling, Drying, Storing and Processing System
  - -6 Configurations for Portable Motor Plugs and Receptacles



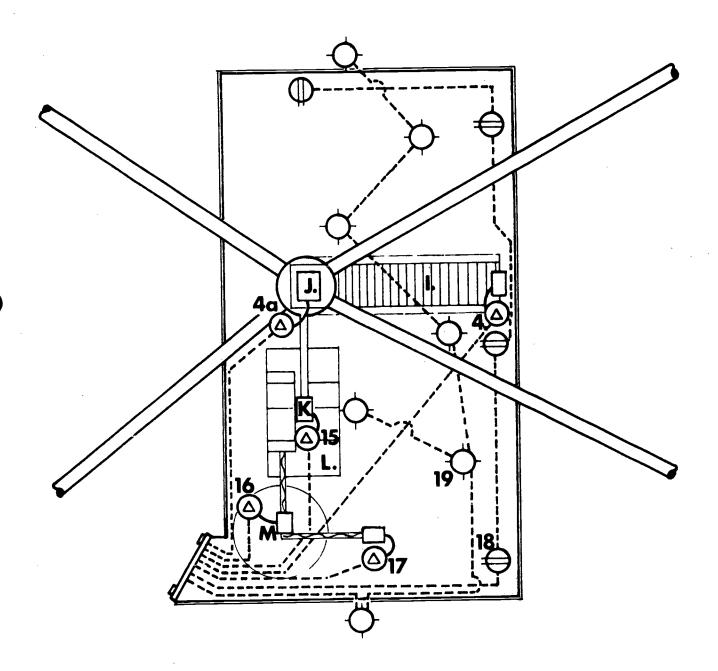


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ELECTRICAL WIRING FOR ADDITIONAL BINS

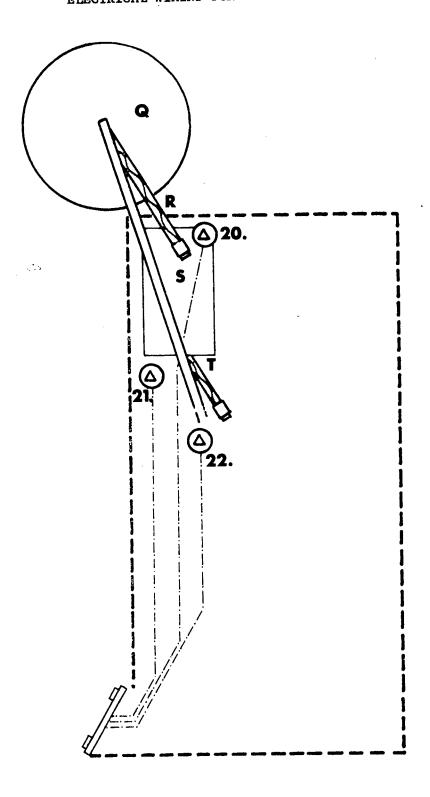
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### ELECTRICAL WIRING FOR ENCLOSED SYSTEM



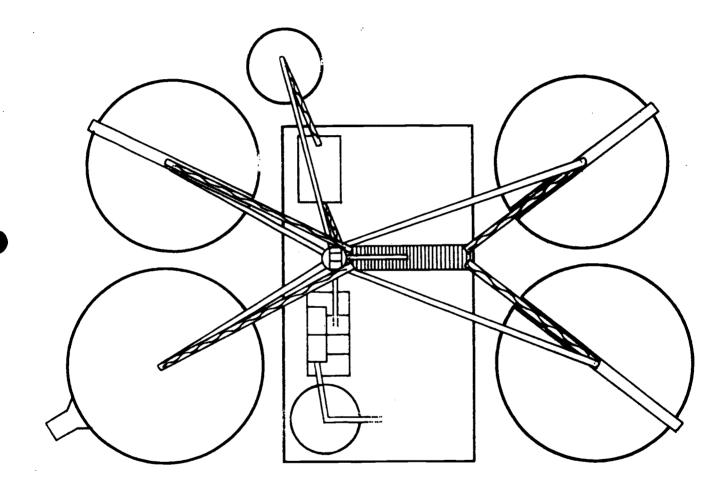
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### ELECTRICAL WIRING FOR WET GRAIN BIN AND DRYING UNIT



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### COMPLETE GRAIN SYSTEM



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CONFIGURATIONS FOR PORTABLE MOTOR PLUGS É RECEPTACLES

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# ALL CIRCUITS TO CARRY GROUNDING CONDUCTOR

### Lesson 5

### UNLOADING AND ELEVATING HARVESTED GRAIN

Objective -- To develop the effective ability of farmers to determine methods of unloading and elevating harvested grain.

Problem and Analysis -- What are the best methods of dumping and elevating grain to the desired levels?

- -Dump hoppers
- -Dump pits
- -Augers
- -Bucket elevators

### Content

### I. Dump Hoppers

- A. Many simple dump arrangements may be designed by the individual farmer using present above-ground containers which hold a small supply of grain to be picked up by an auger (as was shown in Step 1 of Problem 3).
- B. Above-ground pits may be constructed of wood using an eight by eight foot floor and 12" sides, or from an old tractor tire with a canvas covering, or using baled straw arranged to form a pit with canvas.

### II. Dump Pits

- When the system has grown to the last stage of development as pointed out in Lesson 3, a permanent dump pit is to be included between the two rows of bins and adjacent to the bucket elevator. The pit is to be covered and enclosed by a permanent structure with bins on each side.
- B. Recessed dumps can be shallow, covered by a grate of 2" block pipe spaced 4" apart or constructed of hardwood  $2" \times 4"$  materials, one inch apart or of 2" angle iron. This grate should be hinged. The holding capacity of the dump pit will vary depending on the capacity of the elevator or on the means of disposing of the grain. (See handouts at end of lesson.)



### III. Augers

- A. An auger is a very desirable means of moving feed and grain, but does a relatively poor job of elevating grain when the angle is over 45°. Gravity loss accounts for the poor performance when an angle over 45° is used.
- B. The auger speed, size of auger, and the horsepower of the motor will determine the bushels per hour which can be moved.
- C. See charts at end of this lesson for correct speed to be used at various angles of elevation.

### IV. Bucket Elevators

A. Bucket elevators are the most efficient method of lifting grain to a higher level. There is less friction and less wear; consequently, bucket elevators will perform over a much longer time period and bushel span with the least repair. Although the initial installation cost is high compared to other conveyors, bucket elevators are the most desired among the large operators. See attachments for data on size and sketches of vertical elevators.

### Suggestions for Teaching the Lesson

### Developing the Situation

- A. Things to be brought out by the teacher:
  - Technical information should be secured by the farmer relative to the performance of various types of equipment; all equipment must be properly installed.
  - 2. A close look at the technical data (enclosed charts) will supply adequate data upon which to make proper decisions regarding equipment needed to move feed and grain materials.
- B. Things to be brought out by the class members:
  - 1. Have class members relate their experiences in unloading their grain.
  - 2. Secure from the class ideas for other home-made grain dumps which have worked successfully.
  - 3. Get information from a class member who probably has the best unloading and elevating situation.

### TI. Conclusions

A. Avoid costly delays during harvest and/or planting by developing facilities prior to the time they are needed. Time is of utmost importance to the farmer at planting and harvest time.



Many times a farmer with good harvesting equipment finds a bottleneck when he dumps and elevates his crops. Delay at this point can be very costly in machinery and time.

- B. Augers may be used to elevate grain from a temporary dump pit.
- C. The most desirable method of unloading is to build a permanent dump pit with permanent-type bucket elevators.

### III. Enrichment Activities

- A. Show films of a good unloading and elevating situation in your county.
- B. Visit a farm which is properly equipped to elevate feed.

### IV. Suggested Teaching Materials

### A. References

- 1. Planning Grain-Feed Handling for Livestock and Cash Grain Farms.
- 2. Agricultural Engineering Handbook.

### B. Audio-Visuals

### 1. Masters

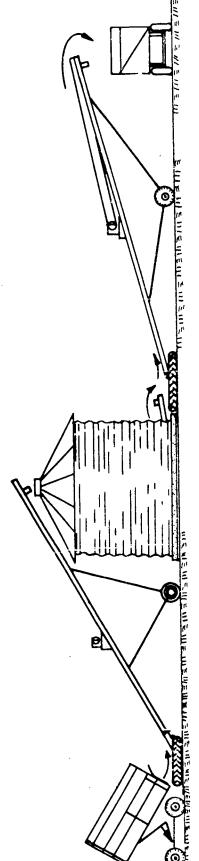
- -1 Dump Hoppers
- -2 Dump Pits Screw Conveyor in Shallow Recess
- -3 Cover Grates for Dump Pits and Hoppers
- -4A Dump Pit, High Capacity, Inclined Mechanical Conveyor, Plan View
- -4B Dump Pit, High Capacity, Inclined Mechanical Conveyor, Elevator View
- -5A Dump Pit, High Capacity Mechanical Level Discharge, Elevation View
- -5B Dump Pit, High Capacity Mechanical Level Discharge, Cross-Section
- -6 Recommended Sizes of Bucket Elevators
- -7 Vertical Elevator with Distributor
- -8 Types of Accessories for Vertical Elevators
- -9 Gravity Spouting
- -10 Conveyors, Types
- -11 Feed Wagons, Grain, Transport and Mixing Types, Silage
- -12 Grain Handling Capacity and HP Requirements for 4" Auger Conveyor Handling Dry Shelled Corn
- -13 Grain Handling Capacity and HP Requirements for 4" Auger Conveyor Handling Dry Soybeans
- -14A Grain Handling Capacity and HP Requirements for 6" Auger Conveyor Handling Dry Shelled Corn
- -14B Grain Handling Capacity and HP Requirements for 6" Auger Conveyor Handling Wet Shelled Corn

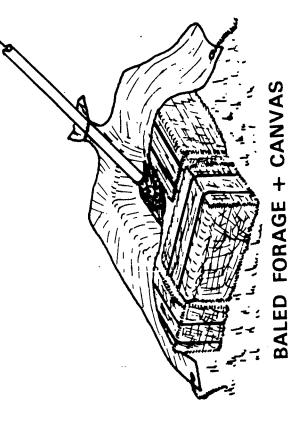


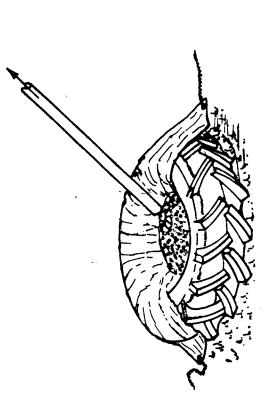
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- -15 Grain Handling Capacity and HP Requirements for 6" Auger Conveyor Handling Dry Soybeans
- -16 Grain Handling Capacity and HP Requirements for 8" U-Trough Auger Conveyor Handling Dry Shelled Corn
- -17A Grain Handling Capacity and HP Requirements for an 8"
  U-Trough Auger Conveyor Handling Dry Shelled Corn
- -17B Grain Handling Capacity and HP Requirements for an 8"
  U-Trough Auger Conveyor Handling Wet Shelled Corn
- -18 Grain Handling Capacity and HP Requirements for an 8"
  Tube-Auger Conveyor Handling Wet Shelled Corn
- -19 Estimated Horsepower and Capacity for Belt-Type Bucket Elevators and Inclined Chain Conveyors
- -20 Guide for Belt Conveyor Capacity and Pulleys
- -21 Nomograph for Auger Pulley Size and Speed Using 1725 RPM Electric Motors
- -22 Length of Conveyor (Spout or Auger) and Height of Elevator for Various Distances to Bin Center
- -23 Conveyors
- -24 Approximate Spout Angles and Floor Slopes for Gravity Flow
- -25 Length, Distance and Discharge Height Chart
- -26 Examples Using Tables on Masters No. 22 and 24

DUMP HOPPERS INCLINED SCREW CONVEYORS







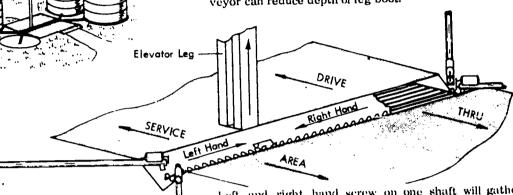
TRACTOR TIRE (or truck tire) plus canvas

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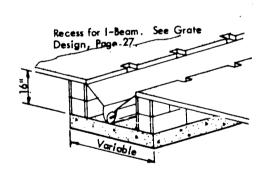
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### DUMP PITS SCREW CONVEYOR IN SHALLOW RECESS

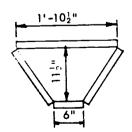
Recessed dumps can be shallow (below floor surface) and present little ground-water problem. Hopper width can be very narrow, as little as 6" - 8" and still involve little cleanup. Hopper widths over 3' are usually unnecessary. High leg capacity reduces need for pit storage. Inclining pit conveyor can reduce depth of leg boot.



Left and right hand screw on one shaft will gather grain from both sides and carry it to the leg. One motor is used. Screw is normally a bearing supported at ends and over discharge point at elevator intake.



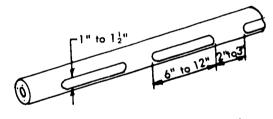
OPEN U-TUBE DUMP CONVEYOR. In-flow to U-tube must be controlled to hold power down. See multi-hopper design below.

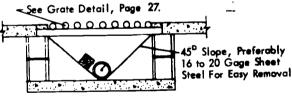


HOPPER SIDE PANEL for 6" screening 4. Thopper. Hopper will extend 84" above to of decap conveyor.

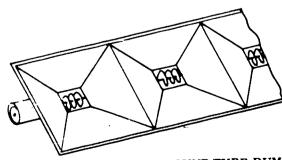
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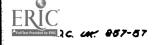


SLOTTED ROUND-TUBE DUMP CONVEYOR. Slots are cut above tangent point of tube with hopper. Triangular or square wood block can be inserted to block or regulate flow.

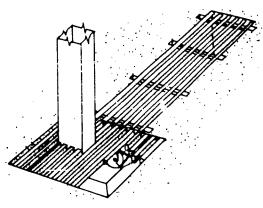


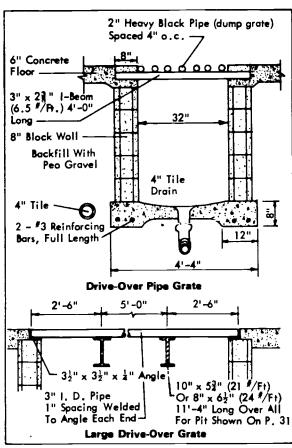
CONVEYOR Hoppers reduce screw exposure to reduce power required and continuously span wide tump area. Unit is installed in recessed channel as above.

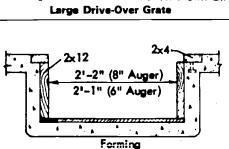
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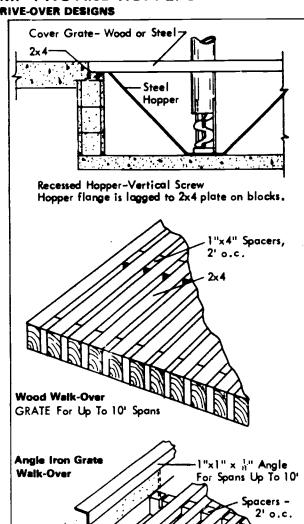


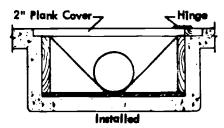
### COVER GRATES FOR DUMP PITS AND HOPPERS WALK-OVER AND DRIVE-OVER DESIGNS











Slotted Member

Can Be Wood Or Steel

**Drive-Over Wood Hinged Cover** 

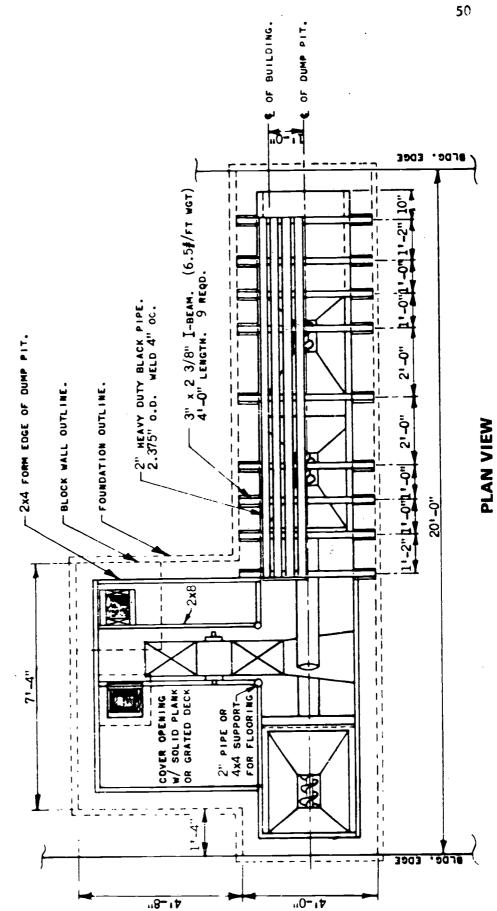
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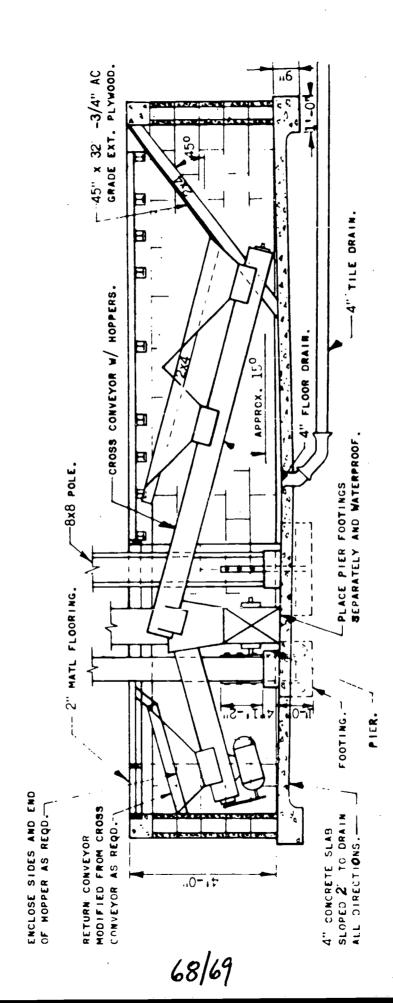
## High Capacity, Inclined Mechanical Conveyor **DUMP PIT**



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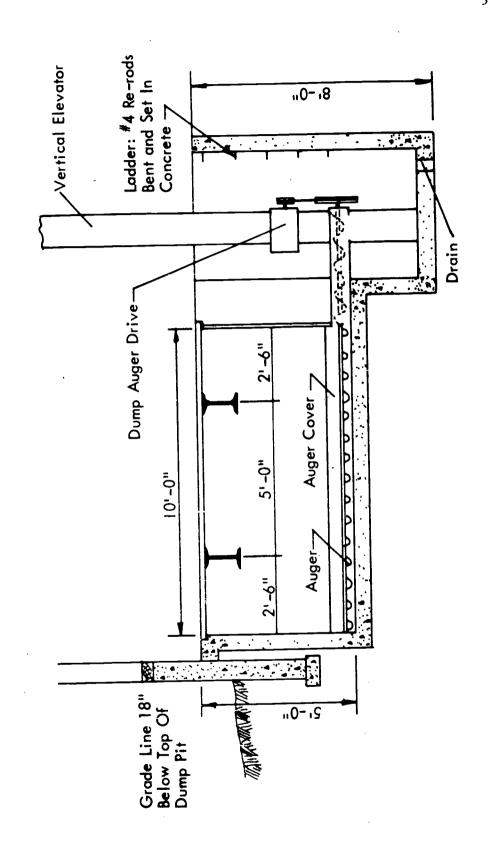


**ELEVATION VIEW** 

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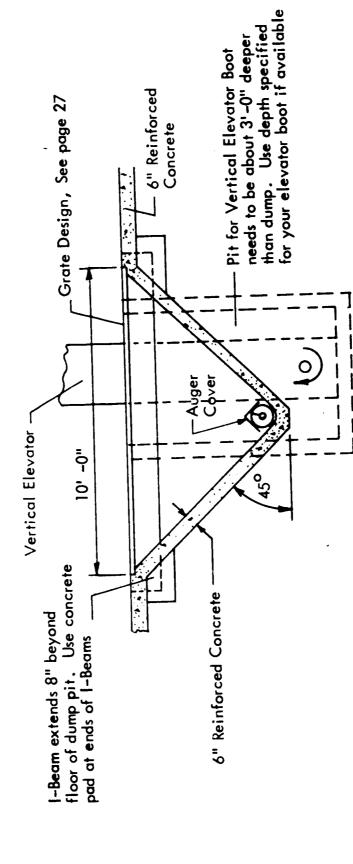
## DUMP PIT HIGH CAPACITY MECHANICAL LEVEL DISCHARGE



## **ELEVATION VIEW**

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**CROSS-SECTION** 

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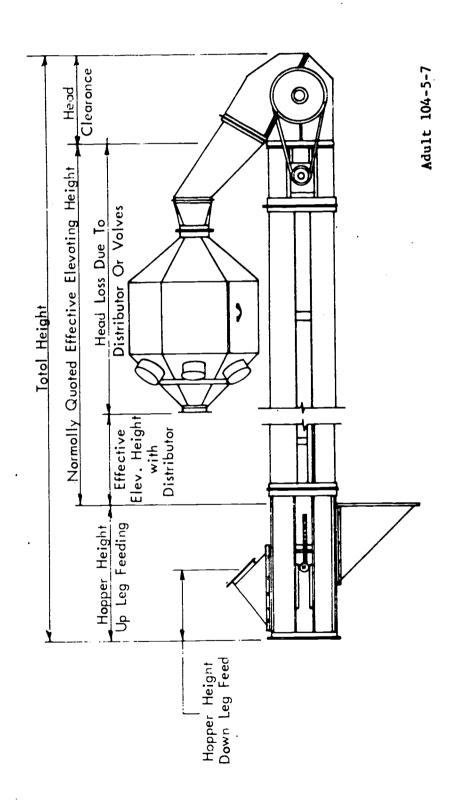
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### RECOMMENDED SIZES OF BUCKET ELEVATORS

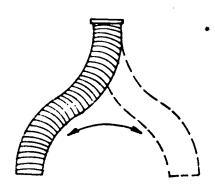
CAPACITY Bu/hr	COMMENTS	APPLICATIONS
500-700	Well suited to wet and dry grain handling on continuous flow dryer	<ul> <li>1 - Small farm needs</li> <li>2 - Feed making only, with separate elevators for receiving wet grain</li> <li>3 - As wet and dry grain elevator on continuous flow dryer.</li> </ul>
1000-1200	Well matched to 6" augers. Gravity spouts: 6"	<ul> <li>1 - Small and medium farms, feed and/or cash grain.</li> <li>2 - Small batch dryers, and layer or batch-in-bin drying methods on small to medium farms.</li> </ul>
1500-2000	Well matched to load- unload rates on many mechanized batch dryers  Maximum size for 6" gravity spouts.  Maximum size for 8" horizontal augers in 25% corn.	<ul> <li>1 - Medium to large farms, feed and cash grain.</li> <li>2 - Load-unload on batch and batch-in-bin drying systems.</li> <li>3 - Primary leg in a continuous flow or batch drying setup.</li> </ul>
2500-3000	Matched to 8" overhead augers in dry grain.  Gravity spouts: 8"	<ol> <li>Large farms, feed and cash grain.</li> <li>As load-unload on large batch and batch-in-bin dryers.</li> <li>As primary leg in two-leg installations on continuous flow dryers.</li> </ol>

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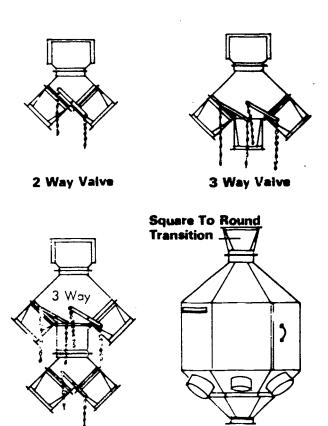
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SOURCE: Planning Grain-Feed Handling, p. 35



**Flexible Spout Section** 



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**Grain Distributor** 

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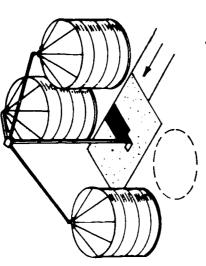
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### GRAVITY SPOUTING

## **DEADBOX OUTLET**

Capped spout piece where grain impacts hold small grain quantity for falling grain to strike. Grain retained continually moves and is replaced, and spout wear is eliminated. Grain impacting on spout may wear through in 1-3 years of farm use.



For spout-support details, see spout or leg manufacturer. Consider spout diameter, gauge, span, and grain and wind load.

to ease installation and disconnection of spout from bin. Spout may need to be disconnected from bin to eliminate Support frame on spout is desirable condensation during drying or extended storage. Trussed Tube Grain Trapped To Receive Impact

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### CONVEYORS

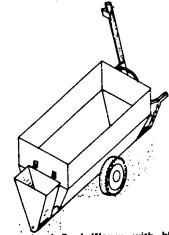
Type of Con <b>v</b> eyor	Type of Material	Capaci ty	Horsepower Requirement	Cost	Advantages	Disadvantages
SCREW (Auger)	ground granular or chopped	me di um	low to medium	medi uni	l-can be used as mixer or for uniform flow feeder 2-good for un- loading bulk storage 3-wide range available	l-size of material limited 2-single sections limited in length 3-medium to heavy wear factor
CHA IN	most feeds grains & farm products	medium	me di um	low to medium	l-inexpensive 2-multiple use 3-wide range available	l-noisy 2-heavy wear factor
BUCKET	ground granular or lumpy	medium to high	low	medium to high	l-efficient 2-minimum 3-high capacity for vertical lift	1-limited speed range 2-difficult to erect 3-expensive
BELT	Grain, packaged units	h i gh	low	h i gh	l-can be used for long distances 2-low power requirement	1-limited in angle of elevation 2-expensive
PivEUMATIC	grain ground feed, chopped forage	variable	<b>high</b>	low to n∉dium	l-low first cost 2-low maintenance 3-flexibility of installation 4-easily cleaned	1-high power requirement 2-creates dust, usually requires separation equipment 3-conditions of operation vary with type of material
VIBRATOR	grain ground feed	iov	low	high	l-can be used as meter 2-reliable 3-easy control	1-limited capacity 2-cost
OSCILLATOR	grain, feed roughage	high	low	nedium to high	l-efficient 2-can handle large volumes 3-can handle several materials	l-cost 2-must be solidly mounted 3-limited to lengths of about 100 ft
PUMP & PIPE	liquids, slurries		low	low to medium	l-efficient 2-easy control 3-low maintenance	1-materials limited 2-subject to freezing

SOURCE: Planning Grain-Feed Handling, p. 48.

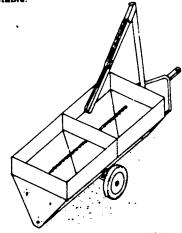
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FEED WAGONS
GRAIN, TRANSPORT AND MIXING TYPES, SILAGE

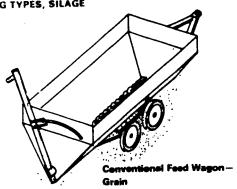


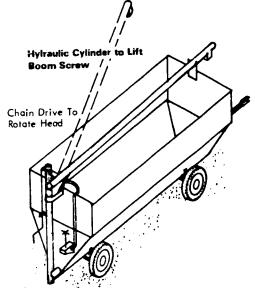


Conventional Feed Wagon with blender box for small quantity metering, Feed rate of blender is adjustable.

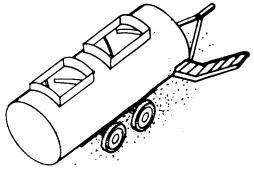


Two-Champer Feed Wagon For Mixing By Recirculation





Hydraulic Pump



Horizontal Mixer Feed Wagon—silage & grain, Ribbon flights and mixing vanes stir material. Unit is designed to handle silage and grain mixtures.

SOURCE: Planning Grain-Feed Handling, p. 47.

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SOURCE: Planning Grain-Feed Handling, p. 49.

GRAIN HANDLING CAPACITY AND HORSEPOWER REQUIREMENTS FOR A 4" AUGER CONVEYOR HANDLING DRY SHELLED CORN\*

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	. 80	290	.33	240	. 32	150	.26
	24	300	. 38	240	. 36	160	.27
700	ý	410	.33	280	.40	160	.29
3	12	470	.43	350	.52	220	۴.
	8	480	.51	380	.64	250	.47
	24	480	. 60	380	. 76	270	.49
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	12	650	.63	460	.83	310	.67
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\*Bushel weight, 54 to 56 lbs.; moisture content 13.2% to 14.2% wet basis. For total power required, increase horsepower by 10% to compensate for loss in the drive train. \*\* Note:

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GRAIN HANDLING CAPACITY AND HORSEPOWER REQUIREMENTS FOR A 4" AUGER CONVEYOR HANDLING DRY SOYBEANS\*

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Auger	Speed	RPM	300			500	3			200	3			800			,	3	

\*Bushel weight, 54.5 to 56.0 lbs.; moisture content 11% to 11.2% wet basis.

For total power required increase HP by 10% to compensate for loss in the power train. \*\* Note:

SOURCE: Planning Grain-Feed Handling, p. 49.

GRAIN HANDLING CAPACITY AND HORSBPOWER REQUIREMENTS FOR A 6" AUGER CONVEYOR HANDLING DRY SHELLED CORN\*

Auger	Intake					Angle	of Elevation	ion			
RPM	Inches	Bu/Hr	00 Hp/10'**	22. Bu/Hr	5• Hp/10'**	45 Bu/Hr	Hp/10'**	67. Bu/Hr	.5° Hp/10**	90° Bu/Hr	Hp/10'**
200	6 12 18 24	590 590 620 630	. 20 . 28 . 32 . 44	520 550 570 590	.30 .41 .43	370 500 510 550	. 33 . 44 . 47 . 55	280 400 430 470	. 33 44 545 54	220 280 310 350	.25 .32 .36
400	6 12 18 24	970 1090 1170 1190	.35 .56 .74	850 1010 1070 1110	.52 .82 .92 1.13	650 850 940 1010	.60 .88 1.02 1.18	480 690 720 830	.57 .83 .92 1.07	380 520 560 660	.46 .70 .80
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800	6 12 18 24	1320 1760 1990 2140	.58 1.07 1.57 1.95	01100 1660 1790	.86 1.54 1.96 2.32	890 1370 1510 1740	.95 1.62 2.08 2.39	640 1080 1220 1360	.92 1.46 1.94 2.12	540 890 1000 1100	1.32

\*\*Note: For total power required, increase horsepower by 10% to compensate for loss \*Bushel weight, 54 to 56 lbs; moisture content 14.5% wet basis. in the drive train.

SOURCE: Planning Grain-Feed Handling, p. 50.

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GRAIN HANDLING CAPACITY AND HORSEPOWER REQUIREMENTS FOR A 6" AUGER CONVEYOR HANDLING WET SHELLED CORN\*

Auger	Corn							1			
	Moisture		2	22.5	5	Angil	Angle of Elevation	67.5	5	•06	-
RPM	Percent	Bu/Hr	Hp/10, **	Bu/Hr	Hp/10 **	Bu/Hr	Hp/101**		Hp/10'**	Bu/Hr	Hp/10'**
200	14 25	590 370	1.37	550 320	.41 1.40	500 280	1.31	400	. 97	280 160	.32
400	14 25	1090 700	1.84	1010	1.89	850	.88	<b>69</b> 0 <b>4</b> 00	1.45	520 300	.70 .70
009	14 25	1510 950	.84	1400 820	1,22	1160 680	1.28	910 520	1.16	740	1.05
800	14 25	1760 1100	1.07	1660 950	1.54	1370	1.62 2.75	1080 580	1.46	890 <b>4</b> 70	1.32

\*Moisture content 14% and 25% wet basis; 12 inch exposed helix at screw inlet.

For total power required, increase horsepower by 10% to compensate for loss in the drive train. \*\*Note:

SOURCE: Planning Grain-Feed Handling, p. 50.

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GRAIN HANDLING CAPACITY AND HORSEPOWER REQUIREMENTS FOR A 6" AUGER CONVEYOR HANDLING DRY SOYBEANS\*

Auger	Intake					Anale	of Elevation	ion			
Speed	Exposure	C		22.5	5.	450		67.5	5.	06	<b>-</b> ■ 1
RPM	Inches	Bu/Hr	Hp/10,**	Bu/Hr	Hp/10'**	Bu/Hr	Hp/10,**	Bu/Hr	Hp/10'**	Bu/Hr	нр/10, <b>**</b>
000	ي	490	.30	410	14.	320	.41	240	88.	180	34
3	7.	200	40	430	.53	360	.57	290	.50	220	9
	. <u>c</u>	220	0.5	200	09.	440	99.	360	.60	240	45
	24	540	9.	250	.67	470	89.	330	· 6 <b>4</b>	290	.52
00	4	000	C	710	7.1	570	11.	400	.70	310	09.
004	5 د		25.	0 × ×	1,14	069	1.20	540	1.04	390	.79
	21	0.00	5 8	1030	8	880	1.29	740	1.23	460	.95
	2 <del>4</del> 2	1180	1,36	1040	1.62	006	1.63	800	1,54	260	1.14
0	Ų	1000	03	008	96	700	1-07	510	1.00	390	.87
nna	. כ	1250	, <sub>C</sub>	1130	. [3	930	1.71	710	1.48	200	1.10
	181	1620	1.45	1510	1.74	1280	1.94	1050	1.88	099	1.47
	24	1690	2.13	1520	2.52	1320	2.5]	901	2.32	790	9/.1
000	¥	טמננ	78	960	1,12	740	1.28	550	1.22	420	1,10
000	. 5	25.6	15.5	1310	86.	1080	2.10	820	1.84	640	1.50
	<u>ہ</u> ت	1980	1,93	1840	2.29	1530	2.54	1230	2.44	810	1.98
	24	2020	2,93	1850	3.43	1640	3,48	1320	3.24	1000	2.56

\*Bushel weight, 54 to 56 lbs.; moisture content ll% to 12% wet basis.

\*\*Note: For total power required, increase horsepower by 10% to compensate for loss in the power train.

SOURCE: Planning Grain-Feed Handling, p. 50.

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GRAIN HANDLING CAPACITY AND HORSEPOWER REQUIREMENTS FOR AN 8" U-TROUGH AUGER CONVEYOR HANDLING DRY SHELLED CORN\*

Auger Speed	Intake Exposure				Angle of	Angle of Elevation	اے		
RPM	Inches	Bu/Hr	Hp/10'**	Bu/Hr	Hp/10'**	25. Bu/Hr Hp,	Hp/10'**	35 Bu/Hr	Hp/10'**
5	0 87	Uao	[9 0	875	0 78	850	0.79	755	0.80
202	14	1880	 	1730		1620	1.45	1500	1.68
300	14.0	2800	2.01	2550	2.15	2370	2.26	2140	2.27
400	14.0	3525	2.53	3250	2.56	2950	2.68	2575	2.75

For total power, required, increase horsepower by 10% to compensate for loss \*Bushel weight, 55 lbs.; moisture content, 14% wet basis; 14 inch intake opening. in the power train. \*\*Note:

SOURCE: Agriculture Engineering Handbook

GRAIN HANDLING CAPACITY AND HORSEPOWER REQUIREMENTS FOR AN 8" U-TROUGH AUGER CONVEYOR HANDLING DRY SHELLED CORN\*

Auger Speed	Intake Exposure				Angle of Elevation	Sevation		35	
RPM	Inches	Bu/Hr	₩¥,101/dH	Bu/Hr	Hp/10'**	Bu/Hr Hp/1	Hp/10'**	Bu/Hr	Hp/10'**
90	7.5	702	1.15	664	0.99	613	0.98	502	0.92
2	15.0	712	1.12	682 685	1.19	668 672	1.23	640 687	1.30
200	7.5	1515	1.96	1318	2.00	1078	1.94	832	1.72
	15.0 22.5	1450	2.27 2.38	1432 1438	2.65 2.70	13 <b>4</b> 2 1360	2.60 2.78	1205 1328	2.55

For total power required, increase horsepower by 10% to compensate for \*Bushel weight, 53 lbs.; moisture content, 27.5% to 28.5% wet basis. \*\*Note:

SOURCE: Agricultural Engineering Handbook.

loss in the power train.

GRAIN HANDLING CAPACITY AND HORSEPOWER REQUIREMENTS FOR AN 8" U-TROUGH AUGER CONVEYOR HANDLING DRY SHELLED CORN\*

Auger Conveyor Handling Wet, Shelled
Auger Conveyor Handling Wet,
Auger Conveyor Handling
Auger Conveyor
Auger Conveyor
Auger
8" U-Trough
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Angle of Elevation	Bu/Hr Hp/10'** Bu/Hr Hp/10'** Bu/H	2 760 1.45 745 1.45 533 1.10 7 758 1.66 705 1.61 663 1.41 2 783 1.53 734 1.67 706 1.46	1312 1.98 1130 1.95 950 1.70 4 1456 2.56 1418 2.72 1278 2.38 1 1520 2.85 1424 2.82 1406 2.72
Elevation	Bu/Hr	745 705 734	1130 1418 1424
Angle of	**,01/dH	1.45 1.66 1.53	1.98 2.56 2.85
61.	Bu/Hr	760 758 783	1312 1456 1520
	Hp/101**	1.52 1.57 1.52	2.22 2.54 2.61
į	Bu/Hr	774 769 775	1574 1540 1608
Intake Exposure	Inches	7.5 15.0 22.5	7.5 15.0 22.5
Auger Speed	RPM	100	200

\*Bushel weight, 52.5 lb.; moisture content, 25% to 26.5% wet basis.

\*\*Note: For total power required, increase horsepower by 10% to compensate for loss in the power train.

SOURCE: Agricultural Engineering Handbook.

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GRAIN HANDLING CAPACITY AND HORSEPOWER REQUIREMENTS FOR AN 8" DIAMETER TUBE-AUGER CONVEYOR HANDLING WET SHELLED CORN

1	Intake				•				
Speed	Exposure		0	150	Angle of Elevation	levation		35°	
RPM	Inches	Bu/Hr	Bu/Hr 'Hp/10'**	Bu/Hr	₩,101/dH	Bu/Hr	. Hp/10'**	Bu/Hr	Hp/10'**
100	7.5	690 715	0.68	002	0.72 0.86	610 685	0.78	575 650	0.82
200	7.5	1200	1.20	980 1170	1.34	930 1130	1.42	856 1070	1.50
300	7.5	1590 1760	1.60	1240 1650	1.80	1200 1570	3.00	1010 1440	3.20
400	7.5 15.0	1710	1.93	1380	3.70	1285 1800	2.40	1100 16 <b>4</b> 0	2.50

\* Bushel weight, 51 to 55 lbs.; moisture content, 23.5% to 26.5% wet basis.

\*\*Note: For total power required, increase horsepower by 10% to compensate for loss in the drive train.

SOURCE: Agricultural Engineering Handbook.

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Estimated Horsepower and Capacity for Selected Shelled Grain Belt-Type Bucket Elevators

Bucket Size	Bucket Spacing Inches	Belt Speed Ft/Min	Capacity Bu/Hr	Horsepower Per 10 Feet
3 x 2	8		50 100	0.075
4 x 3	8 6	270	200 300	0.10 0.125
6 x 4	4 1/4 4 1/4	270 335	500 <b>-</b> 550 700	0.20 0.25
7 x 5	8 6		900 1200	0.30 0.33
9 x 5	7 6	235 300	1600 1800	0.5 0.5
9 x 6	12 6	385 385	1500 3000	0.625 1.25

#### Estimated Horsepower and Capacity for Selected Inclined Chain Conveyors

Flight		Hp requi	red for	various	lengths	(ft.)		Flight	Approximate Capacities
Width (In.)	5-15	16-20	!	26-30	31-35	36-40	41-50	Speed fpm	bu/hr
5	1/4-1/3	1/2	3/4	3/4	-	-	-	290-450	300-400
6 <b>*</b>	1/4-1/2	1/2-3/4	3/4-1	1	-	-	-	290-450	500-600
8*	1/2-3/4	1/2-1	1/2-1	3/4-1	3/4-1	3/4-1	-	150-365	400-600
14	3/4	3/4	1	1	1 1/2	1 1/2-2	2	150-225	
18		1/2-1	3/4-1	1-1 1/2	1-2	1 1/2-3	2-5	150	
20			3/4-1	1-2	1/2	1 1/2-3	2-5	150	1200-1400

\*Double these hp's for high-capacity bulk feed handling.

SOURCE: Planning Grain-Feed Handling, p. 51.

Belt Conveyor Capacity Guide.\*

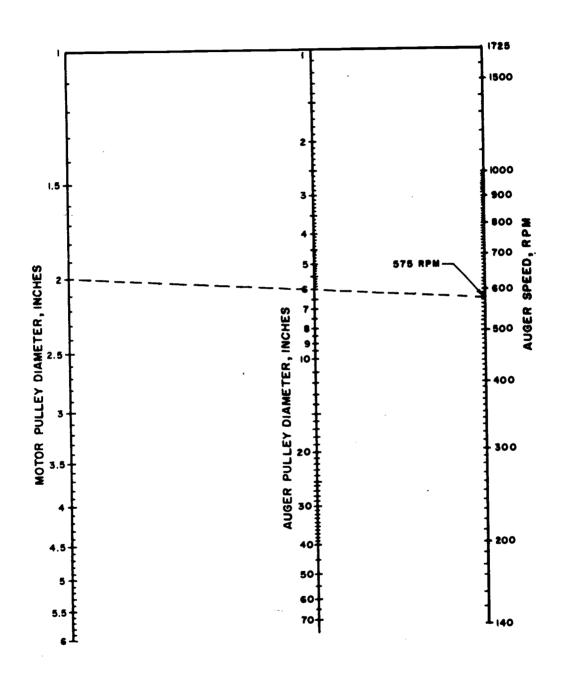
	Troughe	i Belts	Flat Belt	<u>Maximum Sp</u>	peed
Belt Width	35 lb/cu ft Material	50 lb/cu ft Material	50 lb/cu ft Material	Fine Grind	Grain
Inches	Ton/Hr	Ton/Hr	Ton/Hr	fpm	fpm
12 14 16 18 20 24	8.1 11.8 14.7 18.1 23.4 34.3	11.5 15.8 21.0 25.9 33.4 49.0	5.7 7.1 9.5 11.6 15.0 22.0	300 300 300 400 400 500	350 400 450 450 450 600

<sup>\*</sup> Uniform Loading -- 100 fpm (feet per minute). SOURCE: University of California, Agricultural Circular 517.

Minimum Size Pulleys for 1,725 RPM Motors.

Motor H.P.	1/4	1/3	1/2	3/4	1.0	1.5	2.0	3.0	5.0
Motor Pulley Diameter, Inches	2 1/4	2 1/2	2 3/4	3.0	3 1/2	4.0	4.5	5.0	5.5

SOURCE: Agricultural Engineering Handbook, p. 1.9.



Nomograph For Auger Pulley Size and Speed Using 1725 RPM Electric Motors

SOURCE: Agricultural Engineering Handbook, p. 1.10

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Length of Conveyor (Spout or Auger) and Height of Elevator for Various Distances to Bin Center

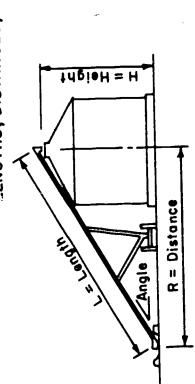
		<u>.</u>	Length an	and Height <sup>2</sup>	F.			
		30°		Grain <sup>3</sup> 37°		Wet Grain 45°	<b>u.</b>	Feed 60°
Bin Center R, Ft.		±		I		H	٦	Ŧ
10	11.6	5.7	12.6	7.5			20.0	17.3
12	13.9	6.9	15.1 17.6	9.0	19.8	14.0	28.0	24.2
- '	i i					ט פר	32 0	7 76
9 8	2.5 2.5	10.3	20.1	13.5	25.5	9.0	36.0	31.1
50	23.1	11.5	25.1		28.3	20.0	40.0	34.6
22	25.4		27.6	16.5	31.2		44.0	38.1
24	27.8	13.8	30.1	18.0	34.0	24.0	48.0	41.5
56	30.1		32.6	19.5	36.8		52.0	35.0
28	32.4	16.1	35.1	21.1	39.6	28.0	56.0	48.4
2 8	34.7	17.3	37.6	22.6	42.5	30.0	0.09	51.8
32	37.0	18.4	40.1	24.1	45.3	32.0	64.0	55.4
34	39.3	19.6	42.6	25.6	48.1	34.0	68.0	58.8
. ye	41.6	20.7	45.1	27.1	51.0	36.0	72.0	62.3
38 —	43.9	21.9	47.6	28.6	53.8	38.0	76.0	65.8
	46.2		50.1	30.1	56.6	40.0	80.0	69.2
45	48.5	24.2	52.6	31.6	59.4	42.0	8.0	72.7
44	50.8	•	55.1	33.1	62.3	44.0	0.88 	7.9/
46	53.2	26.5	57.6	34.6	65.1	46.0	92.0	79.6
<b>4</b>	55.5	27.7	60.1	36.1	6.79	48.0	96.0	83.1
20	57.8	28.8	9.99	37.6	70.8	<b>20</b> .0	100.0	9.98

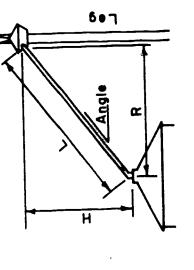
Rounded up to next one-tenth foot
2Rounded down to next one-tenth foot
3Angles of 25° to 40° normally used for inclined augers. Use 37° for planning purposes.

SOURCE: Agricultural Engineering Handbook, p. 1.11

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CONVEYORS LENGTHS, DISTANCES, AND DISCHARGE HEIGHTS





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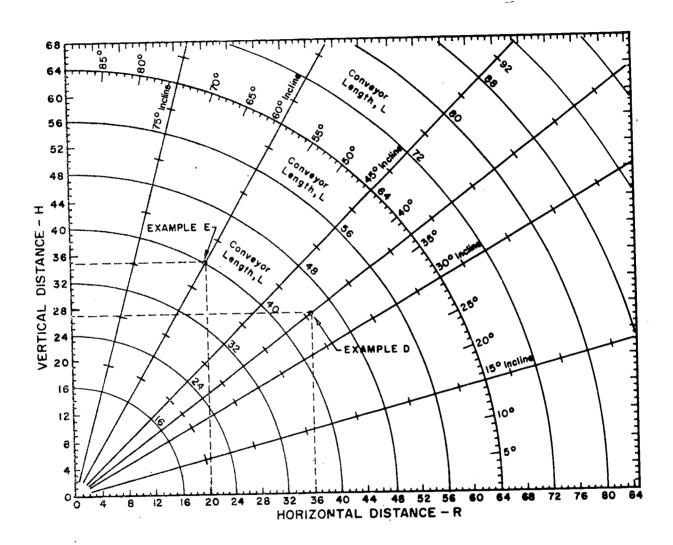
APPROXIMATE SPOUT ANGLES AND FLOOR SLOPES FOR GRAVITY FLOW

MATERIAL	ANGLE	SLOPE EQUIVALENTS
Grains, dry	370	34
Grains, wet	45 <sup>0</sup> minimum	
Pellets	450	
Meal and ground feed	09	134

SOURCE: Agricultural Engineering Handbook, p. 1.12.

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SOURCE: Agricultural Engineering Handbook, p. 1.13.

feet above the top of the bin and the The horizontal distance from the bucket elevator distributor to the An angle of 60° must be used. The center of a soybean tank is 20 feet. distributor discharge must be 34.6 spout must be 40 feet long. Example A.

le B: The height of a bin is 25 feet. An auger 42.6 feet long on a 37 angle would be required If a 30' angle is desired, a 50.8 foot auger is Example B: The height of a bin is 25 feet. An auger 42.6 required.

eave (i6') by a half foot. Adding this distance to the radius of the bin, the total distance from the hopper to the center of the bin is  $(22 + 13 \, 1/2) = 35 \, 1/2$  feet. Interpulating 35 1/2 feet in column R of master 2.2, the eave. Using an angle of 37' (grain bin roof slopes are normally about 30'), the hopper of the convey must be 22 feet from the bin wall to clear the Example C: An auger is being selected for a 27 foot diameter bin with a 16 foot conveyor length is estimated to be 44 feet.

Example D: The lines marked "incline" represent the conveyor which receives at lower left and discharges along incline line at the point marked.  $_{\#}$  At  $37^{\circ}$  slope, to discharge at  $27^{\circ}$  elevation, a conveyor  $45^{\circ}$  long is needed and the horizontal distance is 36'. The line marked "incline" represents the gravity spout which receives at the point marked along incline line and discharges at lower left. At 60: slope, a distributor discharge must be 34 1/2' above and 20' away from spout discharge; spout is 40' long. Example E:

SOURCE: Agricultural Engineering Handbook, p. 1.12-14.

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#### Lesson 6

#### GRAIN DRYING METHODS

Objective -- To develop the effective ability of farmers to select desirable grain drying methods.

Problem and Analysis -- What are the most desirable grain drying methods available for farmer use?

- -Layer drying in the bin
- -Batch drying in the bin
- .-Batch drying in mechanized dryers
- -Continuous flow drying in mechanized dryers
- -Control of drying equipment

#### Content

- I. Layer Drying in the Bin
  - A. As the name suggests, layer drying in the bin means that the grain is dried in layers in the storage structure. Each layer is partially dried before the next layer is added. The rate at which the structure can be filled depends on the moisture content of the grain, the drying unit capacity and the operating procedure. The entire depth of the grain is ultimately dried in place. It is recommended that a heater be installed on all layer dryer bins for use in unfavorable weather conditions. The temperature of the air should be increased no more than about 200 F. Increasing the temperature by 200 F. will double the drying capacity of the air and speed the rate that grains can be harvested. Since this is a slow method, it is not suggested for more than 4,000 bushels.
  - B. The following should be observed when using this system:
    - 1. Make moisture tests as the grain is loaded into the bin in order to follow the correct loading schedule.
    - Distribute the grain evenly as the bin is being loaded to prevent accumulations of cracked grain and fine material which can restrict air flow and cause uneven drying.
    - 3. Start the fan and heater as soon as the drying floor is covered with a foot of grain.



- 4. Follow recommended loading schedules to take into consideration the different grains, moisture levels, relative humidity settings, and combinations of fan and bin sizes.
- 5. Inspect the grain at least once per day by walking over the surface to develop the "feel" of the grain's condition and progress of drying. As the grain starts to dry, one's feet will begin to sink into the grain.
- 6. If the inspection reveals crusting or lack of drying due to accumulation of fine materials, the crusted areas should be broken up and spread over the surface, or removed from the bin and cleaned.
- 7. One should also ensure that the perforated floor has at least a 7% open area.
- 8. Mechanical devices are available for stirring or rotating the grain during drying. These devices will normally increase the rate of drying; however, the cost may be as much as or more than equipment required for more rapid drying methods described below.

#### II. Batch Drying in the Bin

- A. There are two forms of batch dryers; these are generally identified as the batch-in-bin dryer and the column-batch dryer.
- B. When the batch-in-bin system is used, grain is spread over a perforated floor and dried in a shallow layer, usually 2-4 feet deep. Each day's harvest is dried, cooled and then moved to a storage structure. The batch-in-bin system is suitable for use with a production of 7,500 bushels or more. The drying air temperature is increased to about 140° F. in this system.

#### III. Batch Drying in Mechanized Dryers

- A. This generally is accomplished in a column-batch dryer. The grain stands in a vertical column usually 12 to 24 inches thick. The grain is dried, cooled, and moved to a separate storage structure. This system is suitable for use where 7,500 or more bushels of grain are to be dried annually. Drying air temperature is about 180 to 220° F. under this system.
- B. Portable systems can now be considered at lower annual acreages due to smaller units being manufactured and the lower cost of installing a bin drying unit especially when the farmer pays for the installation. Each case should be considered independently.



#### IV. Continuous-flow Drying

- A. The grain in a continuous-flow dryer moves through the dryer at a rate selected to dry the grain to the desired moisture content by the time it emerges from the discharge end of the dryer. This system can handle corn with moisture content of 18 to 30 percent.
- B. Most dryers have a heated (drying) section and a cooling section so that wet grain can be placed into the unit while dry, cool grain is discharged.

#### V. Controlling Drying Equipment

A. Regardless of the system used, the amount of heat to which the grain is exposed must be carefully controlled. The maximum allowable temperature for heated air drying as determined by the use to be made of the grain being dried

<u>Use</u>	•	<u>Temperature</u>
Feed Malting Seed		180° - 200° F 140° F 110° F
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B. The temperature in a continuous-flow dryer is often higher than that listed above. However, the movement of the grain and the moisture content tend to prevent the kernel temperature from exceeding the above limits.

#### Suggestions for Teaching the Lesson

#### I. Developing the Situation

- A. Things to be brought out by the teacher:
  - 1. Drying systems are expensive, and the right system should be selected to get the job done.
  - 2. Drying systems may be a combination of two or more of the suggested systems listed in the content.
- B. Things to be brought out by class members:
  - 1. Get from the class problems which have developed from drying too slowly.
  - 2. Get examples of cost of various units owned by class
  - 3. Find out from the group the most economical fuel to use for drying.

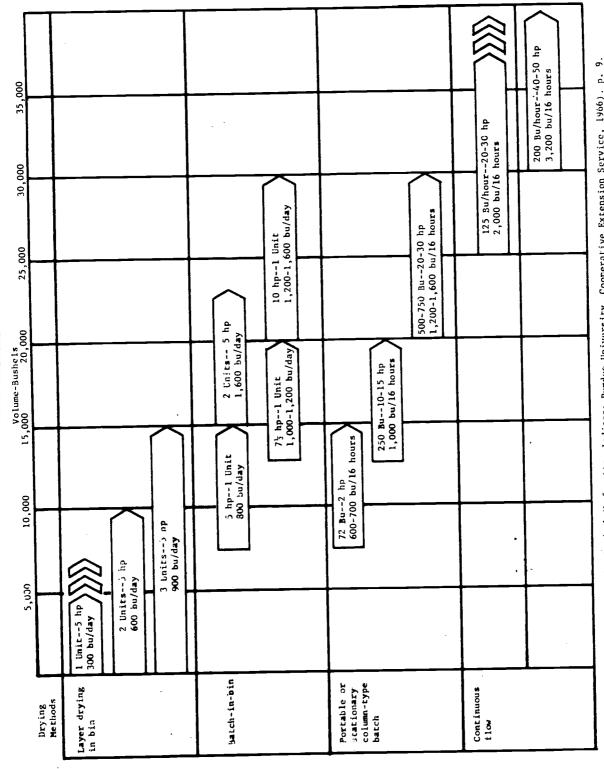
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- -14 Continuous-flow dryer
- -15 Continuous-flow, single leg
- -16 Pattern layout for dryeration
- -17 Dryeration pattern layout for one or two hopper-bottom cooling bins
- -18A Mechanized Double Crib with Round Metal Storage
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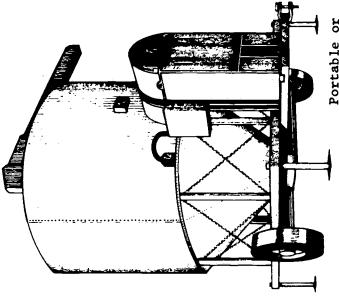
# VOLUME RANGES FOR ALTERNATIVE DRYING METHODS



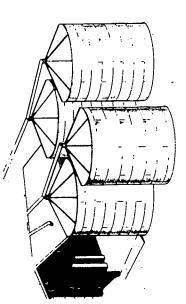
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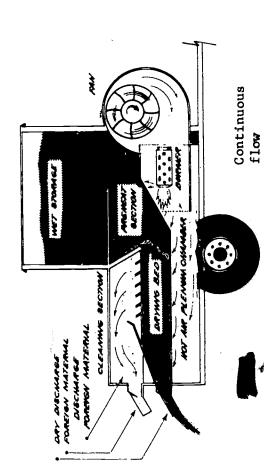


Portable or stationary column-type batch

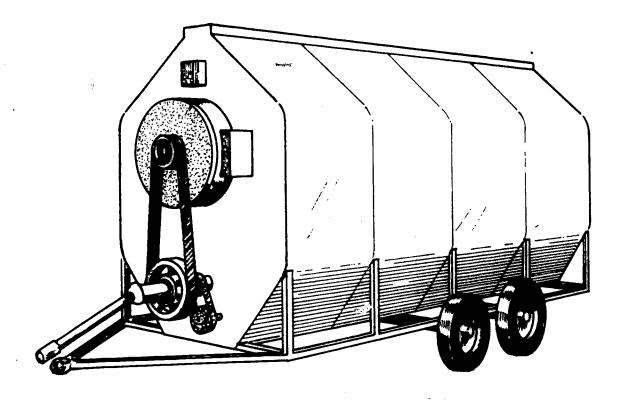


Layer Drying in bin

Batch-in-bin

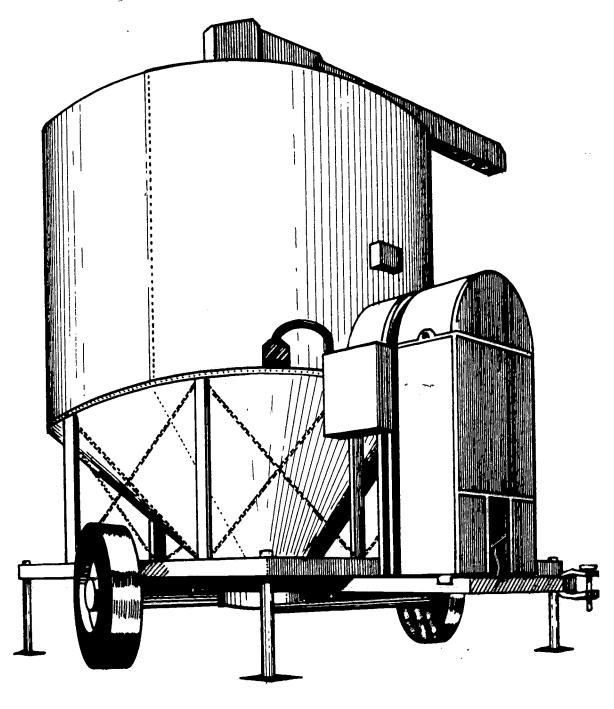


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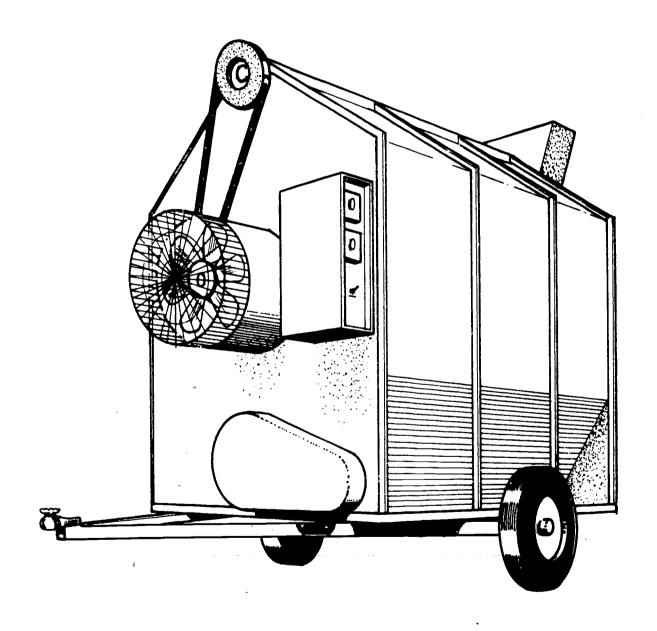


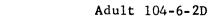
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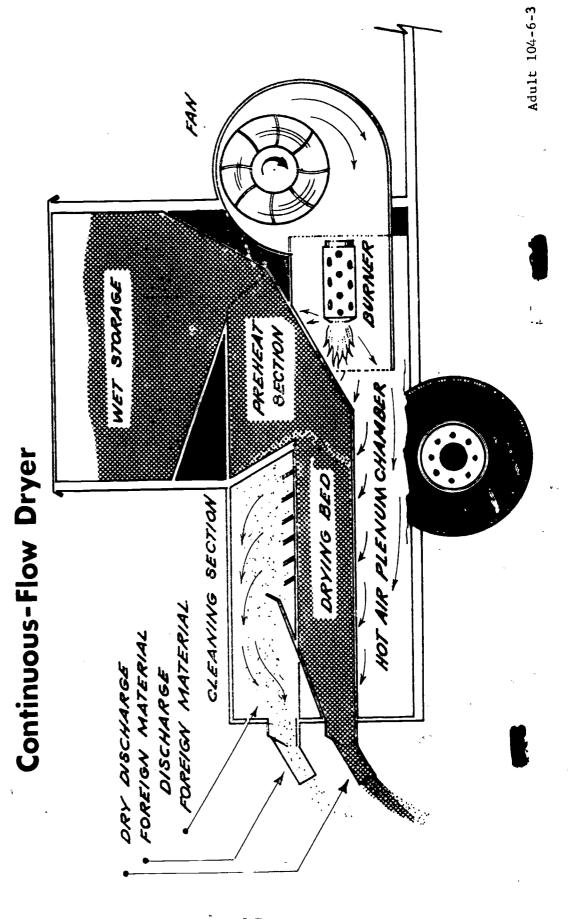
#### TYPICAL COLUMN BATCH DRYER











Cross Sectional View of A

 ${\tt GRAIN~SHRINKAGE~CHART}$  Percentage Shrinkage When a Unit of Grain is bried to Selected Percentages of Moisture  $^{\rm I}$ 

Percentage		Percentag	e of Shrinkage	When Grain is D	ried to:	
Moisture	13.0%	13.5%	14.0%	14.5%	15.0%	15.5%
in Grain	Col. 1	Col. 2	Col.3	Co1.4		Col. 6
13.0	0	<b>0</b> ·	0	0	0	0
13.5	1.07	0	0	0	0	0
14.0	1.65	1.08	0	0	0	0 ·
14.5	2.22	1.66	1.08	0	0	0
15.0	2.80	2.23	1.66	1.09	0	0
15.5	3.37	2.81	2.24	1.67	1.09	0
16.0	3.95	3.39	2.83	2.25	1.68	1.09
16.5	4.52	3.97	3.41	2.84	2.26	1.68
17.0	5.10	4.55	3.99	3.42	2.85	2.28
17.5	5.67	5.12	4.57	4.01	3.44	2.87
18.0	6.25	5.70	5.15	4.59	4.08	3.46
18.5	6.82	6.28	5.73	5.18	4 <b>.6</b> 2	4.05
19.0	7.40	6.86	6.31	5.76	<b>5.</b> 21	4.64
19.5	7.97	7.44	6.90	6.35	5.79	5.23
20.0	8.55	8.01	7.48	6.93	6.38 °	5.83
20.5	9.12	8.59	8.06	7.52	6.97	6.42
21.0	9.70	9.17	8.64	8.10	7.56	7.01
21.5	10.27	9.75	9.22	8.69	8.15	7.60
22.0	10.84	10.33	9.80	9.27	8.74	8.19
22.5	11.42	10.90	10.38	9.86	9.32	8.78
23.0	11.99	. 11.48	10.97	10.44	9.91	9.38
23.5	12.57	12.06	11.55	11.03	10.50	9.97
24.0	13.14	12.64	12.13	11.61	11.09	10.56
24.5	13.72	13.22	12.71	12.20	11.68	11.15
25.0	14.29	13.79	13.29	12.78	12.26	11.74
25.5	14.87	14.37	13.87	13.37	12.85	12.33
26.0	15.44	14.95	14.45	13.95	13.44	12.93
26.5	16.02	15.53	15.03	14.54	14.03	13.52
27.0	16.59	16.11	15.62	15.12	14.62	14.11
27.5	17.17	16.68	16.20	15.70	15.21	14.70
28.0	17.74	17.26	16.78	16.29	15.79	15.29
28.5	18.32	17.84	17.36	16.87	16.38	15.88
29.0	18.89	18.42	17.94	17.46	16.97	16.48
29.5	19.47	19.00	18.52	18.04	17.56	17.07
30.0	20.04	19.58	19.10	18.63	18.15	17.66
30.5	20.61	20.15	19.69	19.21	18.74	18.25

 $<sup>^{1}\!</sup>A11$  of the above percentages of shrinkage figures include actual moisture loss plus one-half percent for dry matter loss.





The percentage of shrinkage may be applied to pounds, bushels, tons and all other units of quantity.

Source: Ross Milner, How to Determine Shrinkage in Grain, Bulletin 425 (Columbus, Ohio: Agricultural Extension Service, The Ohio State University, 1963), p. 8.

# SHRINKAGE SCHEDULE AND DRYING CHARGES FOR SHELLED CORN

		Drying Charge			Drying Charge
Moisture	Shrinkage	Per Wet Bu.	Moisture	<u>Shrinkage</u>	Per Wet Bu.
15.6to 16.0	1.0%	0 . 🗲	23.1 to 23.5	10.4%	5 3/4 ¢
16.1 to 16.5	1.6	1/2	23.6 to 24.0	11.0	6
16.6 to 17.1	2.2	. 1	24.1 to 24.5	11.7	6 1/4
17.1 to 17.5	2.8	1 1/2	24.6 to 25.0	12.3	6 1/2
17.6 to 18.0	3.4	2	25.1 to 25.5	13.0	6 3/4
18.1 to 18.5	4.0	2 1/2	25.6to 26.0	13.7	7
18.6to19.0	4.6	3	26.1 to 26.5	14.4	7 1/4
19.1 to 19.5	5.2	3 1/2	26.6to27.0	15.1	7 1/2
19.6 to 20.0	5.8	4	27.1 to 27.5	15.8	7 3/4
20.1 to 20.5	6.5	4 1/4	27.6to 28.0	16.6	8
20.6 to 21.0	7.1	4 1/2	28.1 to 28.5	17.3	8
21.1to21.5	7.8	4 3/4	28. 6 to 29. 0	18.1	8
21.6to 22.0	8. 4	5	29.1 to 29.5	18.8	8
22.1 to 22.5	9.1	5 1/4	29.6to 30.0	19.6	8
22.6to 23.0	9.7	5 1/2			



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## MAXIMUM TIME FOR STORAGE OF SHELLED CORN AT VARIOUS CORN MOISTURE CONTENTS AND AIR TEMPERATURES 1

Storage air temperature		Corn moisture content		
(fahrenheit)	15%	20%	25%	30%
	Days	Days	Days	Days `
75 <sup>0</sup>	116	12.1	4.3	2.6
70 <sup>0</sup>	155	16.1	5.8	3.5
65 <sup>0</sup>	207	21.5	7.8	4.6
60 <sup>0</sup>	259	27	9.6	5.8
55 <sup>0</sup>	337	35	12.5	7.5
50 <sup>0</sup>	466	48	17	10
45 <sup>0</sup>	725	75	<b>27</b> ·	16
40 <sup>0</sup>	906	94	34	20
35 <sup>0</sup>	1,140	118	42	25

<sup>1</sup>The times given are those above which mold growth will cause enough loss in corn quality to bring about a lowering of grade.

Source: United States Department of Agriculture, <u>Guidelines for Mold Control in High-moisture Corn</u>, Farmers' Bulletin No. 2238 (Washington, D. C.: United States Government Printing Office, 1968), p. 4.







# FAN REQUIREMENTS FOR DRYING SHELLED CORN WITH UNHEATED AIR FROM DIFFERENT PERCENTAGES OF MOISTURE CONTENT AND AT VARIOUS PRACTICAL DEPTHS

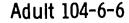
Moisture content (percent)	Recommended minimum airflow rate per bushel <sup>1</sup>	Practical depths <sup>2</sup>	Static pressure <sup>3</sup>	Maximum quantity that can be dried per fan horsepower <sup>4</sup>
	Cubic feet per minute	Feet	Inches, Water gage	Bushels
25	5	4	0.7	860
		6	1.6	380
20	3	6	. 9	1,120
		8	1.5	670
	v.	6	.6	2,500
18	2	8	.9	1,670
10		12	2.2	680
		8	.5	6,000
16	1	12	1.0	3,000
•	-	16	1.6	1,880

<sup>1</sup> Increase 20 percent in southeastern United States.

Source: <u>Guidelines for Mold Control in High-Moisture Corn</u>, Farmers' Bulletin No. 2238 (Washington, D. C.: U.S. Government Printing Office, 1968), p. 9.

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 $<sup>2</sup>_{\text{Layer drying}}$  is a method by which these recommended corn depths may be increased.

<sup>3</sup>Static pressure includes 0.25-inch allowance for loss from duct friction.

<sup>4</sup>Airflow of cubic feet per minute (c.f.m.) per horsepower based on 3,000 c. f. m. of air at 1-inch static pressure.

### RECOMMENDED MOISTURE CONTENT FOR SAFE STORAGE OF GRAINS IN FARM-TYPE BINS

Grain	Moisture Content Percent		
Shelled Corn	13		
Soybeans	11		
Wheat	13*		
Sorghum	12		
Barley	13		
Oats	13*		
Ŕye	13		

\*12% if stored for seed



EQUILIBRIUM MOISTURE CONTENT OF SHELLED CORN FOR VARIOUS AIR TEMPERATURES AND RELATIVE HUMIDITIES

					Relat	Relative Humidity	miditv					
1	35	40	45	50	55	09	65	70	75	80	85	90
1	10.8	11.3	12.2	13.1	13.5	14.6	15.5	16.4	17.4	18.7	20.2	22.5
	10.5	11.0	11.7	12.5	13.3	14.0	14.8	15.5	16.6	17.8	19.4	21.5
	10.1	10.6	11.3	12.0	12.7	13,3	14.1	14.8	15.8	16.9	18.6	20.5
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	. 0	6.7	10.4	11.1	11.5	12.0	12.8	13.5	14.5	15.4	16.8	18.5
	, w	9.1	9.8	10.5	10.8	11.2	12.1	13.0	13.9	14.8	15.8	17.4
	g	Can be overdried	dried				Correct for long-time storage	t. ime	Will not d moisture these con is needed	Will not dry to safe moisture content under these conditions. Heat is needed	safe int under is. Heat	

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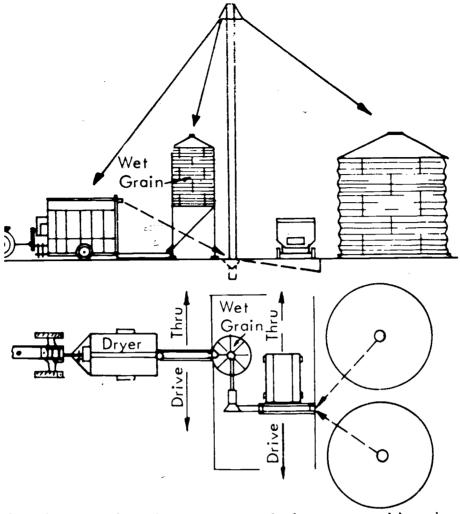
# APPARENT AND ACTUAL PRICES AND DISCOUNTS IN MARKETING HIGH-MOISTURE CORN I

				Actual Discount
Moistura	Apparent Discount	Apparent Price	Actual Price	
Percent	Per Bushel	Per Bushel	Per Bushel <sup>2</sup>	High-moisture Corn
1 CI COIIC	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents
	0	100	100.0	0.0
15.5	_	99	99.4	0. 4
16.0	1	98	98.8	0.8
16.5	2 3	97 97	98. 2	1.2
17.0	4	96	97.6	1.6
17.5	4	70	71.0	2. 0
10.0	5	95	97.0	2.0
18.0	6	94	96. 4	2.4
18.5	7	93	95.9	2.9
19.0		92	95.3	3.3
19.5	8 9	91	94.7	3.7
20.0	7	71	,	
20 5	10	90	94.1	4. 1
20.5	10	89	93.5	4.5
21.0	12	88	92.9	4.9
21.5	13	87	92.3	5.3
22.0	14	86	91.7	5.7
22.5		00	7	
23.0	15	85	91.1	6. 1
23.5	16	84	90.5	6.5
23.3	17	83	89.9	6.9
24. 0 24. 5	18	82	89.3	7.3
	19	81	88.8	7.8
25.0	17	<b>~</b>	<b>-</b>	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>When corn sells for \$1 per bushel, moisture discount rate is 1 cent per each 1/2 Percent over 15.5.

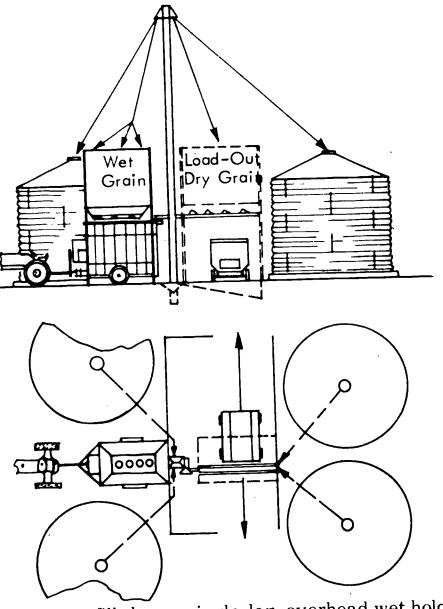
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Price adjusted for extra weight due to moisture above 15.5 percent.





Self-loading batch dryer, single leg, ground-level wet holding bin. Dryer fills from dryer dump, wet grain bin, or direct from leg.

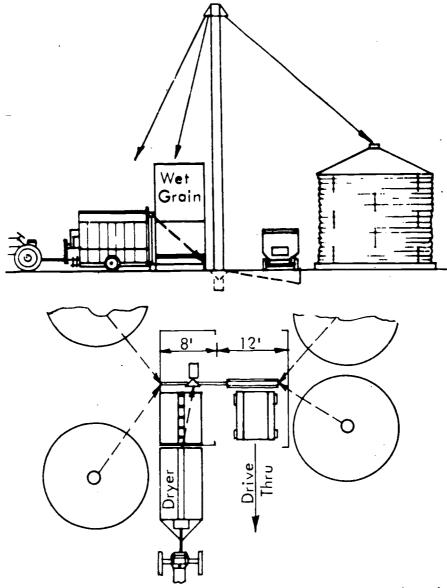
SOURCE: Planning Grain-Feed Handling, p. 18.



. Gravity-fill dryer, single leg, overhead wet holding batch or continuous flow.

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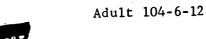
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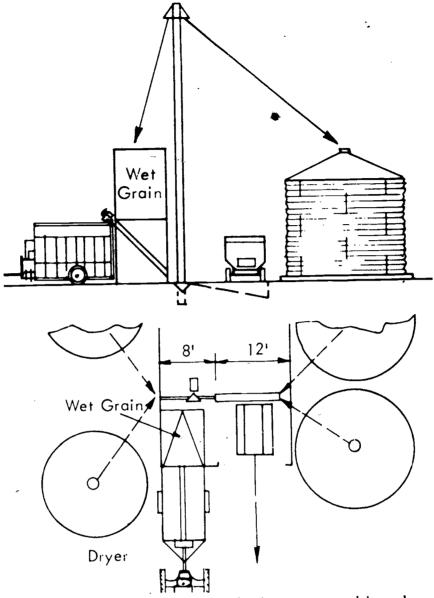
Self-loading batch dryer, single leg, ground-level wet holding over dryer self-loading dump.

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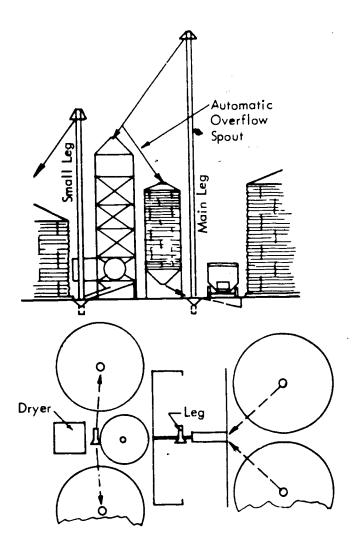




Conveyor-fed dryer, single leg, ground-level wet holding. Manual or automatic control batch, or continuous flow.

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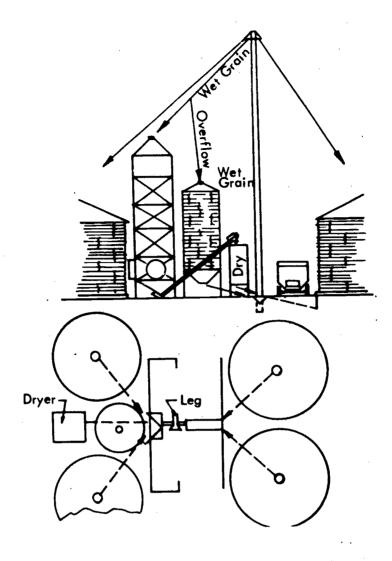




Continuous-flow dryer, 2 legs, ground-level wet holding. NOTE: (Primary leg is used for wet receiving and transfer to both wet holding and the dryer, and for dry grain loadout.)

SOURCE: Planning Grain-Feed Handling, p. 19.



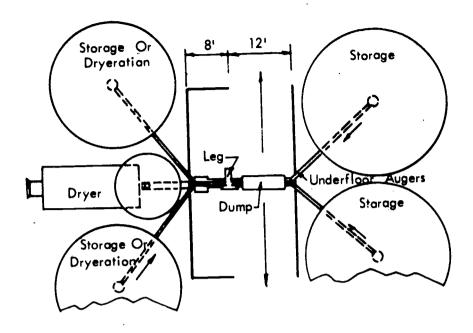


Continuous flow, single leg, ground-level wet grain, with dry-grain accumulator bin. NOTE: (System uses a surge bin on both the input and output sides of the dryer: wet corn holding bin on receiving side, accumulator on discharge side. Dry-grain transfer from accumulator is usually done manually.)

SOURCE: Planning Grain-Feed Handling, p. 19.

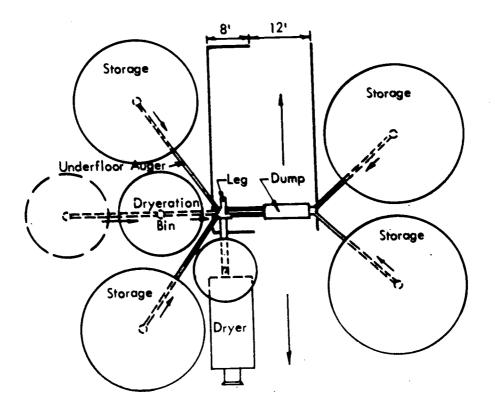
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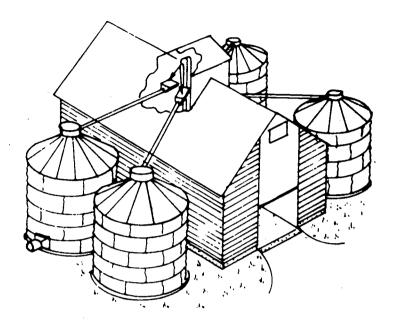
Pattern layout for Dryeration using two flat-bottom bins. NOTE: (The two Dryeration bins can be filled directly from the dryer by either inclined conveyors or by a hot- or drygrain leg between the Dryeration bins, next to the dryer. The latter works especially well with a continuous flow dryer, since the hot- or dry-grain handling rate needed is relatively low. For a batch-drying process requiring high handling rates, hot or dry corn may be returned to the main leg inside the center building and hence to the Dryeration bins. The wet-grain holding bin shown is a hopper-bottom unit over the dryer for gravity outflow. Grade-level units may be used and the grain re-elevated to load the dryer. The center building may be offset.)

SOURCE: Planning Grain-Feed Handling, p. 19.



Dryeration pattern layout for one or two hopper-bottom cooling bins. NOTE: (Any combination of the bins to the left of the center building can be used for Dryeration. The dryer position can also be on the layout center line in place of the second Dryeration cooling tank. For large volumes both dryer positions, or two units side by side, may be desirable.)

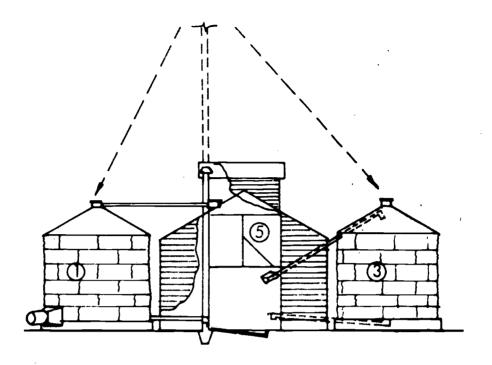
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MECHANIZED DOUBLE CRIB WITH ROUND METAL STORAGE

SOURCE: Planning Grain-Feed Handling, p. 20.

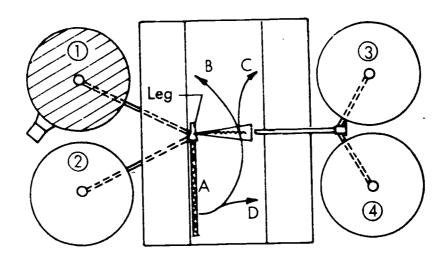
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FILL AND UNLOAD MECHANIZATION OPTIONS, CROSS-SECTION ELEVATION VIEW

SOURCE: Planning Grain-Feed Handling, p. 20.

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### UNLOAD MECHANIZATION OPTIONS

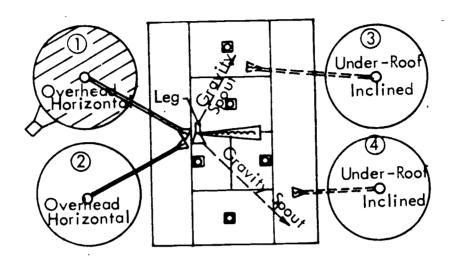
- 1. Conveyor "A" is a U-tube screw, belt, or chain conveyor. Unit is portable and fits at A, B, C, and D.
- 2. Underfloor conveyors on bins 1 and 2 extend from bin to vertical elevator. High crib floors will require bin floors to be high, unless crib floors can be cut, and channels formed for recessed conveyors. Conveyors must be demountable in sections for removal for service or changeover. Demountable drive-head units can reduce cost without tedious complete withdrawal.
- 3. Unload method shown in bins 3 and 4 uses 2 conveyors in tandem. Underbin units can be withdrawn between building and bin and inserted in alternate bin. Conveyor may be set in channel in crib floor. The same unit can fit other side and be used to return grain from portable dryer.

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SOURCE: Planning Grain-Feed Handling, p. 20.







### FILL MECHANIZATION OPTIONS

NOTE: Either horizontal overhead or underroof conveyors, or full or part gravity fill may be used. Using small conveyor to transfer grain from accumulator bin 5 to storage bin 3 permits higher vertical elevator capacity with low cost transfer conveyor. Transfer conveyor may be  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " - 4" diameter boot driven unit for dry grain, or 5" - 6" units operated at low RPM.

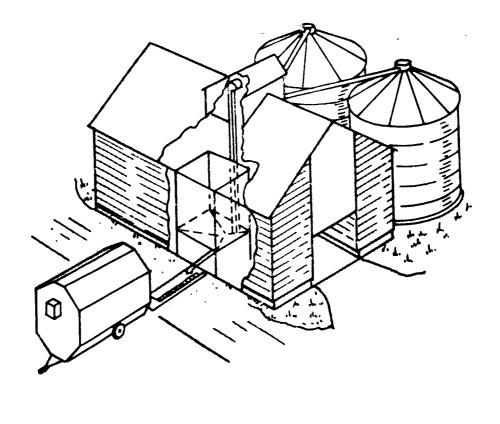
Short underroof conveyors may transfer grain from crib section to storage bin, as to bin 4 in the plan.

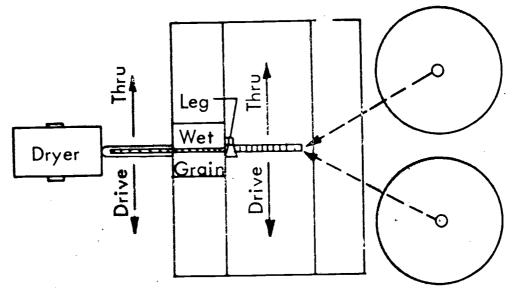
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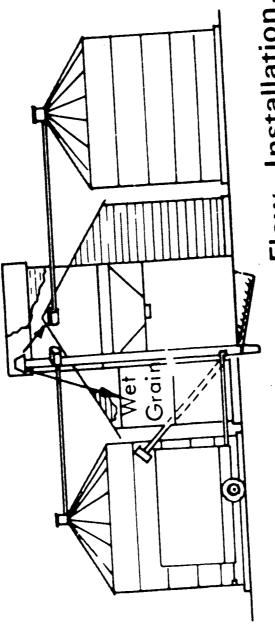
### Batch-Dryer Installation, Self-Loading Dryer

Self-loading dryer dump maintained clear for receiving grain. Dryer may be filled direct, or from wet-grain storage.

SOURCE: Planning Grain-Feed Handling, p. 21.



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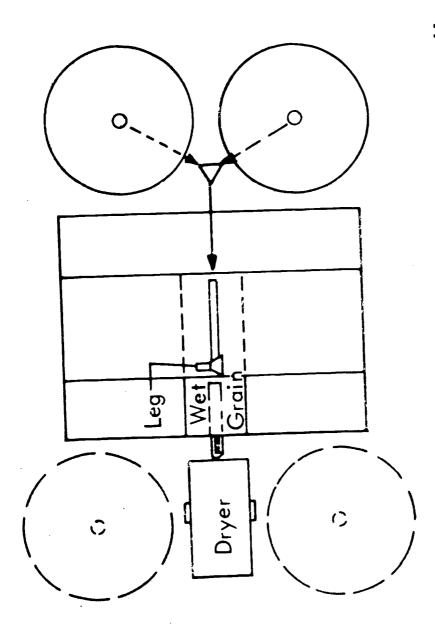


Dryer loaded via leg to wet-grain storage to inclined conveyor. Batch Or Continuous-Flow Installation, Non-Self-Loading Dryer.

SOURCE: Planning Grain-Feed Handling, p. 21.







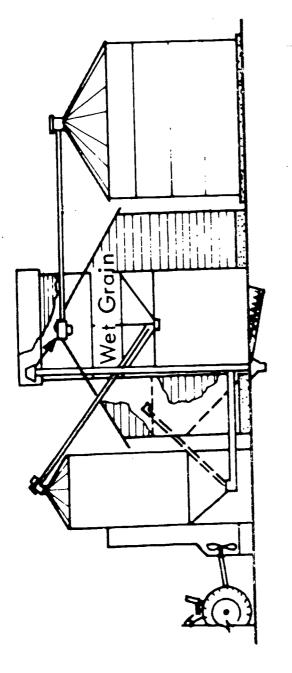
# Self-Loading Batch-Dryer Installation,

### Dryer

Self-loading dump extended under wet-grain bin. Dryer loading via leg through wet-corn bin only.

SOURCE: Planning Grain-Feed Handling, p. 21.





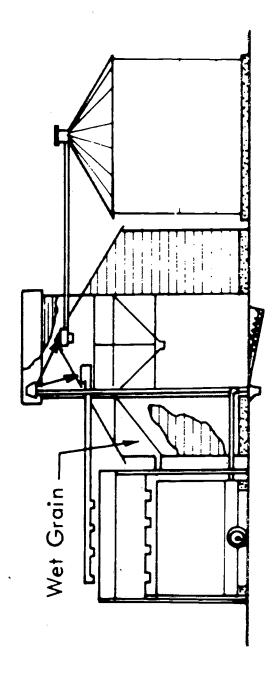
# Continuous-Flow Dryer Installation, Single Leg

is normally unloaded manually but automatic unloading or dryer stop is possible. Two separate Leg must run continuously to take away dry corn unless dry-corn accumulator bin (\*1) is used. Bin legs, one each for wet and dry corn, can be used and run continuously.

SOURCE: Planning Grain-Feed Handling, p. 21.







# Dryer Gravity Filled. Dryer loaded via leg to wet-com conveyor over Batch Or Continuous-Flow Installation,

gravity bins.

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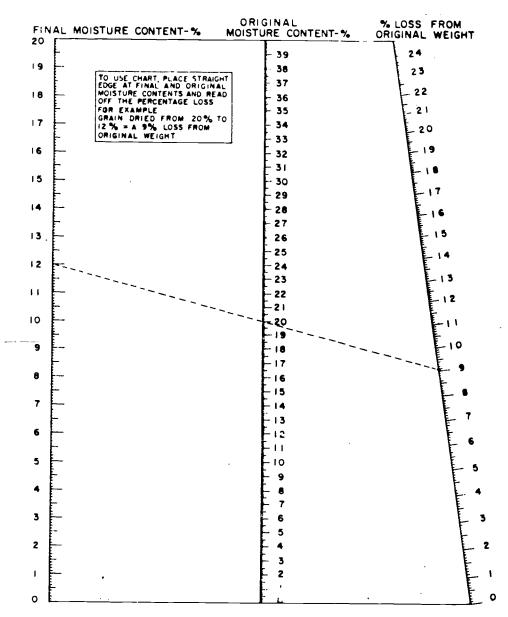


Chart For Estimating Weight Loss When Drying Grain or Seed.

Source: University of Georgia College of Agriculture Bulletin N.S. 33



Approximate amount of water in ear corn when harvested, at different percentages of moisture content of the kernels.

		1												•
Corn	Total	Pounds	37.8		27.2	24.4	21.6	•	16.2	•	11.1	٥.٦	7.4	5.8
Amount of Water Bushel of Ear Corn	In Cobs	Pounds	12.4	6.6	8.8	7.8	6.7	5.5	4.4	3.2	2.1	٦.4	0.9	0.5
Amount in a Bushel	In Kernels	Pounds	25.4	.20.2	18.4	16.6	14.9		11.8		9.0	7.7	6.5	5.3
Kernel Moisture	<pre>Content (percent)</pre>		35	<u> </u>	) ( ) (	26	24		200	81	16	) C		10

A bushel of ear corn is defined here as the quantity that will yield 56 pounds of shelled corn at 15.5 percent moisture.

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SOURCE FOR SDA MP919

Pounds of water per bushel 1 of grain at different moisture-content percentages.

l A bushel is defined here as the amount of grain required to yield 56 pounds of shelled corn or grain sorghum at 15.5 percent moisture, 60 pounds of wheat or soybeans at 14 percent, and 32 pounds of oats at 14.5 percent.	to make a bushel at a given moisture percentage, add	the pounds of water to the pounds of dry matter (shown at head of column). For example: To ottain	the weight of corn, at 28-percent moisture cortert,	to make a bushel, add the pounds of water (16.4 to	the pounds of dry matter per bushel (47.32).	totals 65.7 pounds. It requires 65.7 pounds of corr	at 28-percent moisture content to make a bushel (56	pounds) of 15.5 percent corn.		SOURCE: USDA FB2214				
and Oats (Pounds) of of dry ter matter el = per bushel =	Pounds	14.6	7.7.	٥٠٥	9.6	9.e	7.7	8·9 •	0.9	5.2	4.4	3.7	3.0	2.3
Wheat and soybeans (Pounds of dry matter per bushel = 51.6)	Pounds	3.7.5	22.1	70.1	18.2	16.4	14.6	12.9	11.4	9.8	8.4	7.0	5.8	4.5
Shelled corn and grain sorghum (Pounds of dry matter per bushel = 47.32)	Pounds	25.4	20.2	18.4	16.6	14.9	13.3	. I. &	10.4	9.0	7.7	6.5	5,3	4.1
Grain Moisture content (percent)		35	æ	58	, 92	24	22	0.7	18	16	74	7	10	ဆ

Approximate storage capacity of round steel bulk feed tanks.

Overall  Description Height-Feet 30#/cu ft  6' diameter- 6' diameter- 10 -10½ 2.0 center draw off, 10½-13 60° hopper, 18½-16 20-24" slide valve clearance 20 -20½ 60° hopper, 24" 17½-20 51ide valve 22½-23 9' diameter- 60° hopper, 24" 22½-23 9' diameter- 16½-17 8.4 9' diameter- 16½-17 8.4 60° hopper, 24" 22½-23 51ide valve 27½-25 60° hopper, 24" 25½-26 51ide valve 28-28½ 50.7 60° hopper, 24" 25½-26 50° hopper, 24" 25½-26 50° hopper, 24" 28-28½ 50.7 center draw off, 25½-26 60° hopper, 24" 28-28½ 539.7 38.7	lonnage Lapacities Materials Weighing		Approximate	
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SOURCE: Planning Grain-Feed Handling, p. 56.



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Storage capacity for common round bins.

		Capaci	ities fo	Capacities for Selected Depths in ft	ted
Diameter in feet	Bu per foot of height	1.1	13	16	19
14	125	1375	1625	2000	2375
<u> </u>	203	2200	2635	3250	3820
2.5	277	3050	3600	4400	5300
24	362	4000	4700	2800	0069
7.0	458	5050	5950	7300	8700
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Based on \* Does not include space above eave line. 15.5 MC corn and 1.25 cu ft per bushel.

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| Based on 2½ cubic feet per bushel. | Includes ½ cone space with no deduction for | center tunnel. Roof slope 1:1.

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Examples:

- 1. Crib ear corn 6' wide by 12' high by 40' long
  - a.  $6 \times 12 \times 40 = 2880$  cu ft  $\times 0.4$  bu/cu ft = 1152 bu
  - b.  $6 \times 12 \times 1 = 72$  cu ft x 0.4 = 28.8 bu/ft of length x 40' = 1152 bu
- 2. Round crib ear corn 14' diameter by 14' high

a.  $.785 \times 14' \times 14' \times 14' \times 0.4 = 861$  bu

- b.  $.785 \times 14' \times 1 \times 0.4 = 61.5$  bu/ft x 14 = 861 bu
- 3. Round Bin or Silo shell corn 14' diameter by 14' high

a.  $.785 \times 14' \times 14' \times 14' \times 0.8 = 1722$  bu

b. .785 x 14' x 14' x 1 x 0.8 = 123 bu/ft x 14' = 1722 bu

SOURCE: Planning Grain-Feed Handling, p. 56.



### BATCH-IN-BIN DRYING

Air Flow Rate - 10 cfm/bu.

Corn from 25% to 13% moisture content Depth of corn in bin - 4 feet

- 16.7 Hours Temperature of heated air - 1400F. Estimated drying time

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Ploo Diameter Area (Feet) (Sq.	r Ft.)	Bushels <sup>1/</sup> Per Foot of Depth	Bushels in 4' Layer	Total Air Flow (Cfm)	Cfm Per Sq.Ft.	Static $^2$ Pressure (Inch $^{\rm H}_{20}$ )	Adjusted <sup>3</sup> /Static Pressure (Inch H <sub>20</sub> )	Calculated Fan Horsepower	Suggested 4/ Fan Horsepower	Heater Size <sup>5/</sup> (Btu/hr.) (Millions)
16	201	162	648	6480	32	1.5	$\frac{2.2}{3}$	3.2	5	.672
18	254	204	816	8160	32	1.5	$\frac{2\cdot2}{3}$	4 5.5	5	.845
21	346	278	1112	11120	32	1,5	3.2	<u>5.5</u> 7.5	7.5	1.15
24	452	364	1456	14560	32	1.5	$\frac{2.2}{3}$	7.2	7.5 or 10	1.51.
27	572	760	1840	18400	32	1.5	2.2	$\frac{9.1}{12.5}$	10 or 15	1.91
30	706	567	2268	22680	32	1.5	2.2	$\frac{11.7}{15.3}$	15	2.35
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One cubic foot equals 0.804 bushels by volume.

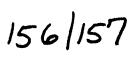
Static pressure in inches of water for loose fill (not packed), clean, relatively dry grain. Reference --C. K. Shedd, AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERING, Vol. 34, September 1953.

Data from Sheed multiplied by 1.5 and 2.0.

Be sure fan will deliver required total air flow (cfm) at the adjusted static pressure. Select standard size heater to deliver 100% to 150% of heat required. ভাকান্ডান্ডা

(a) Outside air (500F. and 50% relative humidity) heated to 1400F; (b) fan efficiency is assumed to be 70%; and (c) drying process is assumed to be 75% efficient. Design conditions:

SOURCE: Agricultural Engineering Handbook



### Lesson 7

### STORAGE FACILITIES NECESSARY FOR MAXIMUM PROFITS

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<u>Problem and Analysis</u> -- What storage facilities are necessary for maximum profits?

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- -Storage in the feed grain program
- -Storage for livestock feed
- -Future market
- -Maintaining quality in stored grain

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B. Use futures and two-year storage, and you have a three year span to pick a good price.

### III. Storage for the Purpose of Feeding Livestock

- A. Storage for the purpose of feeding livestock is undoubtedly the most profitable to farmers. In this series of problems we have thought in terms of storage in metal bins, but the use of present buildings and the remodeling of a strong structure should not be ruled out of the picture for storage of grain for livestock feeding. There may be an opportunity for use of a combination of equipment and facilities; batches of grain may be dried in limited bin facilities and moved to remodeled buildings for grain storage.
- B. Used bins, which are a little more economical, also may be available. However, a farmer should figure the years of life the used bins have remaining and compare this to the cost of new ones.

### IV. The Futures Market

- A. Larger farmers should make a thorough study of the futures market. Farmers can use grain futures in connection with their farm business, both directly and indirectly. Directly, as a substitute for cash transactions in pricing grain, and indirectly as a source of valuable market information.
- B. All pertinent information on supply, utilization, and price, coupled with a knowledge of how futures markets influence the functions of pricing, risk shifting, and rotating supply, is necessary before we can understand our grain marketing system and know how to use it properly.

### V. Maintenance of Quality in Stored Grain

- A. Whenever grain is stored, special efforts must be made to insure that quality is maintained. Each year, from 5-20% of the corn stored on farms is lost due to insects, rodents and spoilage. Adequate planning in designing and preparing facilities and a system of timely inspection can reduce this loss.
- B. When volume of stored grain extends over 1,000 bushels, spoilage can occur due to moisture gathering in the grain, either through movement of humid air through the grain, by direct condensation of water on the surface, or through condensation of moisture on the cold inside walls of the bin.





- 1. Control moisture by moving air through the grain (aeration).
  - a. Move outside air down through the grain at the rate of 1/5 to 1/2 cubic feet per minute per bushel.
  - b. Force air up through the grain by operating fans for 3-4 hours during favorable weather.
  - c. Operate the fans until grain is within 5° F. of the outside temperatures.
- 2. Cool grain down to 40° by mid-December; do not freeze the grain.
- 3. After March 15, warm the grain to prevent "sweating."
  - a. Use outside air, either forced down into the grain or up through the grain.
  - b. Warm the grain 3°-10° F. per month until 70° is reached.
  - c. Aerate the grain every two or three weeks to maintain the 70° temperature and to reduce storage odors.

### Suggestions for Teaching the Lesson

### I. Developing the Situation

- A. Things to be brought out by the teacher:
  - 1. Show a chart of harvest lows and summer high prices of grains.
  - 2. Point out the feed conversion into meat and milk by various types of livestock.
  - 3. Look at possible profits on the futures market.
- B. Things to be brought out by class members:
  - 1. Get from class members average profits realized from storage of grain for a higher price.
  - 2. Secure data on profits from feeding livestock.

### II. Conclusions

- A. The individual must look at his total program, including size of farm, labor, and machinery available, before he decides on grain storage.
- B. If labor is available, feeding well-managed livestock adapted to his farm and community will produce the most profit from stored feeds.
- C. Storing grain for summer high prices will return to the farmer a profit on his on-the-farm storage investment. Benefits from the feed grain program should be considered.
- D. The futures should also be studied; if the volume is great enough, profits may be gained by selling on a future market.



### III. Enrichment Activities

- A. Invite the local ASC chairman to visit the class and discuss benefits from the government program.
- B. Invite an outstanding livestock farmer to discuss the profit potential from feeding grain to livestock.

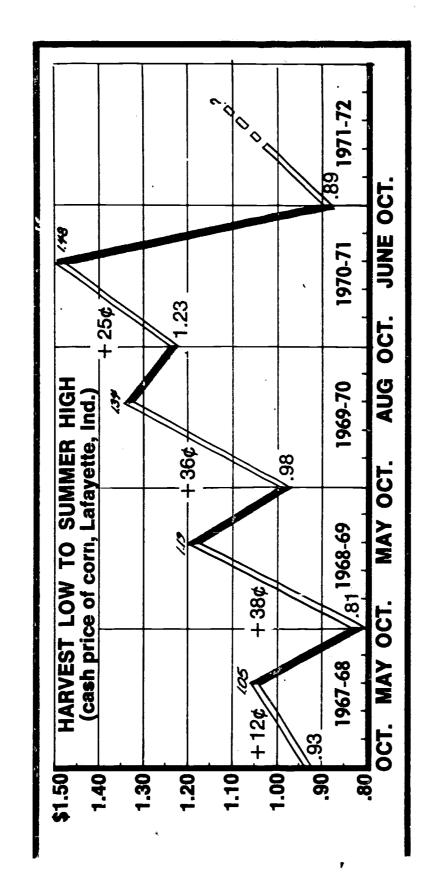
### IV. Suggested Teaching Materials

### A. References

- 1. Successful Farming, June-July, 1972.
- 2. Grain Merchandising and Futures Market in Kentucky, by Callahan, March, 1972.
- 3. Agricultural Engineering Handbook, Section P.
- 4. Alternatives for On-the-farm Grain Storage, by Hamilton.

### B. Audio-Visuals

- 1. Masters
  - -1 Price Fluctuation in Corn at Lafayette, Indiana
  - -2A Suffocation Hazards in Flowing Grain
  - -2B Suffocation Hazards in Flowing Grain Continued



SOURCE: Successful Farming, Harvesting Issue, June-July, 1972.

### SUFFOCATION HAZARDS IN FLOWING GRAIN

### SAFETY HAZARDS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1. Don't enter a bin of flowing grain.
- 2. Never enter a bin when unload equipment is running, whether or not grain is flowing.
- 3. Don't enter a bin that has automatic unload equipment, without lockingout the control circuit.
- 4. Don't enter a bin for which you do not know the nature of previous grain removal, especially if there is any crusting evident.
- 5. Always be cautious before walking on any surface crust.
- 6. Wherever possible, always have three men involved, two on the outside and one inside, when entering a questionable bin/storage circumstance. The man in the bin should be lashed to a safety rope with the 2 men outside capable of lifting him out without entering the bin. (One man outside cannot do this, nor go for help while maintaining preliminary air.)
- 7. Never work in obviously dusty-moldy grain without a respirator. Never work in such conditions, no matter what the protection, without a second person on safety standby. Use a respirator capable of filtering fine dust.
- 8. Be aware that your tolerance to a given material may be limited, and that you should not deliberately and knowingly expose yourself on the idea "that it won't hure e." Later in life, you may have used up all of your tolerance.
- 9. Always be cautious when you are working with grain that has gone "out of condition." You can have molds, blocked flow, cavities, cave-offs, crusting -- it's a time to be alert.
- 10. Don't depend on a second person -- either on the bin roof, on the ground, or at any other remote point -- to receive shouted instructions to start or stop equipment.
  - a. The equipment noise can block out commands or cries for action or assistance.
  - b. The second person may fall or over-exert in the panic and haste of getting off the bin or running to the control point.

### POSSIBLE CORRECTIVE MEASURES

- 1. Install ladders inside all bins.
- 2. Be aware that you can "walk a bin down" if you stay near the outside wall and keep moving.







- 3. If you must enter a bin with evident danger, use a rope and safety harness to support and lift you in the event of trouble.
- 4. A rope with knots or a chain with stirrups, suspended down the center from the top of the bin, may be a useful safety addition to grain bins. However, you should consider how you get off the suspension and out of the bin, having had to use it, and why you ever got there in the first place! Performance and use of such safety units has not been proven, and the drag on them in flowing grain may pull the roof in.

### BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE . . . . . . . .

Talk to your children, your co-workers, and your neighbors the next time you work with them. THEIR LIFE, YOUR LIFE, YOUR HAPPINESS MAY DEPEND ON IT!

Source: Purdue University, Agricultural Engineering Dept., March 1, 1971.





### Lesson 8

### PROCESSING AND DISPENSING FEED MATERIALS

Objective -- To develop the effective ability of farmers to secure adequate systems for processing and dispensing feed materials

<u>Problem and Analysis</u> -- What are the best systems of processing and dispensing feed materials?

- -Processing systems
- -Dispensing systems

### Content

### I. Processing Systems

- A. Any grain center being developed should have room for feed processing. Whether the center is planned for immediate use for cash-grain or for grain-livestock does not matter. Any cash-grain farm today can be a livestock farm tomorrow due to changes in economic conditions.
- B. Processing alternatives include stationary or portable feed grinding and blending or mixing, and electric or tractor powered units.
- C. A good layout will fit your current needs and provide for different equipment or larger volumes in the future. (See drawings of feed processing layouts at end of this lesson.)
- D. Major equipment systems include: automatic blenders, grinders, stationary PTO grinders with mixers, and transport grinder-mixers.
- E. A good processing system must:
  - 1. Store the feed ingredients.
  - 2. Assemble them at one point.
  - 3. Process ingredients.
  - 4. Transport feed to a holding bin.



### II. Dispensing Systems

- A. Ingredients to be stored for a long period of time may be stored in a flat-bottomed bin. Storage for a short period of time should be in a surge bin. Hopper-bottom bins with center draw-off should be used for dry grains and side draw-off bins for supplements or ground ingredients. Use live-bottom rectangular bins for wet material (15% moisture-plus).
- B. Assembled and proportioned ingredients may be dispensed by weight or volume. The weighing process is more accurate but more difficult. Volume is within 9% of accuracy, and should be good enough for farm dispensing.
- C. Variable speed augers or belts may be used to automatically dispense the feed to livestock. Generally speaking, farmers should make an effort to automate the dispensing process with time clocks for a timed operation and pressure switches to stop the operation when the system is full. Time-delay relays may be used to sequence operations in starting as well as stopping.

### Suggestions for Teaching the Lesson

### I. Developing the Situation

- A. Things to be brought out by the teacher:
  - 1. Very little has been published about good systems of dispensing feeds. To verbally picture how a good system works is almost impossible. (Visual aids should be used.)
  - 2. Show how a good dispensing system can save valuable farm labor.
  - 3. Volume feeding is necessary for profits; this will require automation in dispensing feeds.
- B. Things to be brought out by class members:
  - 1. Find good feeding situations from some of the class members and let them evaluate their methods.
  - 2. Have class members point out mistakes they have made in developing a feeding system.

### II. Conclusions

- A. The best systems for processing and dispensing feed materials are automatic or semiautomatic. Semiautomatic systems are usually started by hand but stopped by pressure switches.
- B. The best systems are those which save on-farm labor.



- C. Systems may be auger or belt for dispensing feed, or a combination of the two.
- D. Processing equipment may be powered by electric, automatic blender-grinders or a stationary PTO grinder with mixer.

### III. Enrichment Activities

- A. Take a field trip to a good farm which is well equipped to handle feeds.
- B. Invite an equipment dealer to set up some equipment in the school shop for demonstration purposes.

### IV. Suggested Teaching Materials

- A. References
  - 1. Planning Grain-Feed Handling.
  - 2. Agricultural Engineering Handbook, University of Kentucky.

### B. Audio-Visuals

- Masters
  - -lA Feed-Processing Layouts, Automatic Blender-Grinders
  - -1B Feed-Processing Layouts, Automatic Blender-Grinders
  - -2 Feed-Processing Layouts, Automatic Blender-Grinders, Offset Building
  - -3 Feed-Processing Layouts, Automatic Blender-Grinders, Equal Shedded, Ground-Level Building
  - -4A Feed Processing Layouts, Transport Grinder-Mixer, Offset Building
  - -4B Feed Processing Layouts, Transport Grinder-Mixer, Offset Building - end view
  - -5A Feed Processing Layouts, Transport Grinder-Mixer Equal-Shedded Building
  - -5B Feed Processing Layouts, Transport Grinder-Mixer Equal-Shedded Building, end view
  - -6A Stationary PTO Grinder with Mixer, Equal-Shedded Building
  - -6B Stationary PTO Grinder with Mixer, Equal-Shedded Building, Side View
  - -6C Stationary PTO Grinder with Mixer, Equal-Shedded Building, Flow Pattern
  - -7A Stationary PTO Grinder with Mixer, Offset Building
  - -7B Stationary PTO Grinder with Mixer, Offset Building, Top View
  - -8 Flow Diagram for a Stationary Grinder and Mixer in a Farm Feed Processing System Based on Component Function
  - -9 Feed Diagram for an Automatic Blender-Grinder in a Farm Feed Processing System Based on Component Function

### 2. Slides

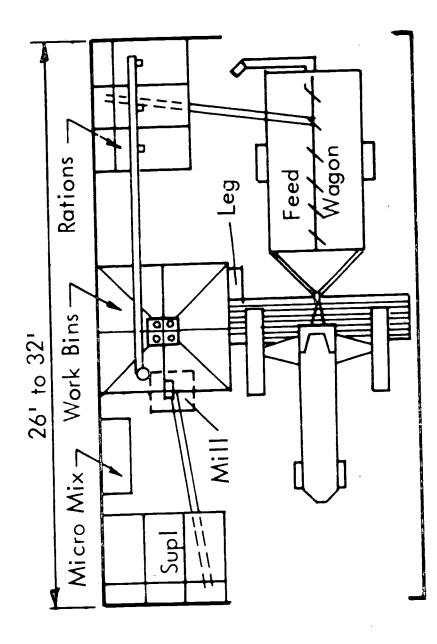
"Suffocation Hazards in Flowing Grain."
"Feed Processing." (Source: Ky. RECC).



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FEED-PROCESSING LAYOUTS AUTOMATIC BLENDER-GRINDERS

Equal-Shedded Building



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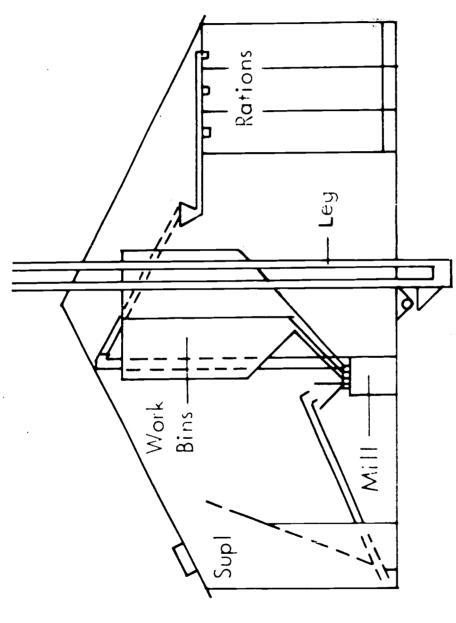
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SOURCE: Planning Grain-Feed Handling, p. 22.

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FEED-PROCI ING LAYOUTS AUTOMATIC BLENDER-GRINDERS

Equal-Shedded Building Side View



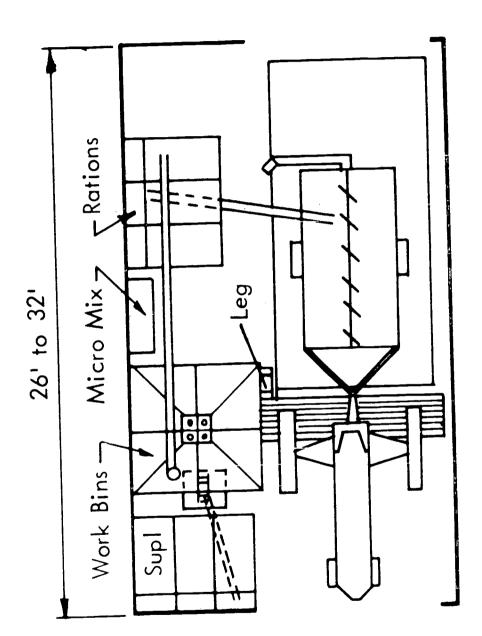
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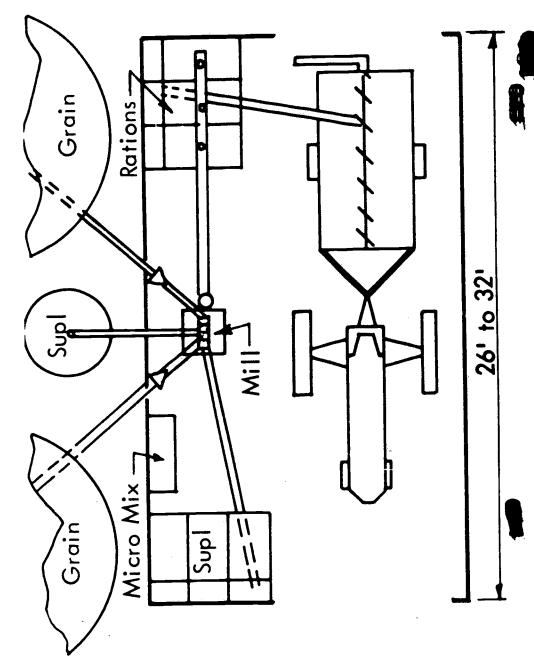
Offset Building



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## FEED-PROCESSING LAYOUTS AUTOMATIC BLENDER-GRINDERS

Equal Shedded, Ground-Level Building

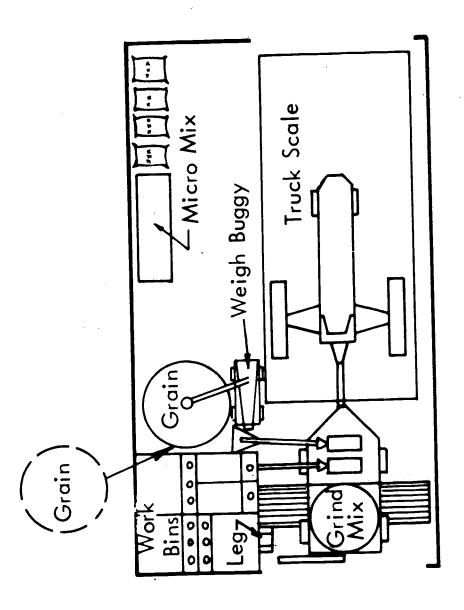


Adult 104-8-3 All storage is ground-level. The mill is fed by conveyors controlled by the mill. One of the outdoor units is relatively small and probably contains supplement. All conveyors to the mill are controlled by flow switches in small surge hoppers over the mill. NOTE:

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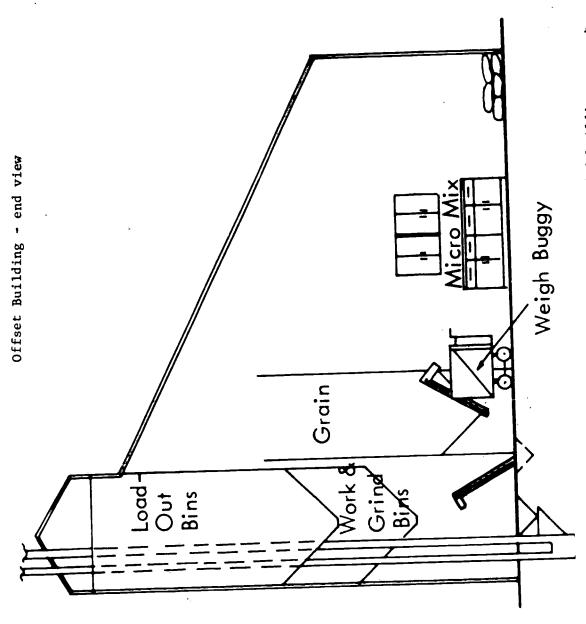
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FEED PROCESSING LAYOUTS
Transport Grinder-Mixer
Offset Building



SOURCE: Planning Grain-Feed Handling, P. 23.

FEED PROCESSING LAYOUTS
Transport Grinder-Mixer

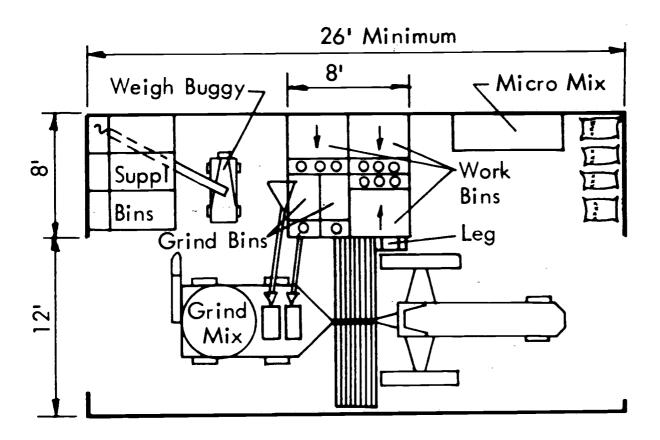


This layout has the same basic flow as in the equal shedded building, except that the work tower is at one end of the building as shown in some of the previous layouts. NOTE:

SOURCE: Planning Grain-Feed Handling, p. 23.

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FEED PROCESSING LAYOUTS
Transport Grinder-Mixer
Equal-Shedded Building



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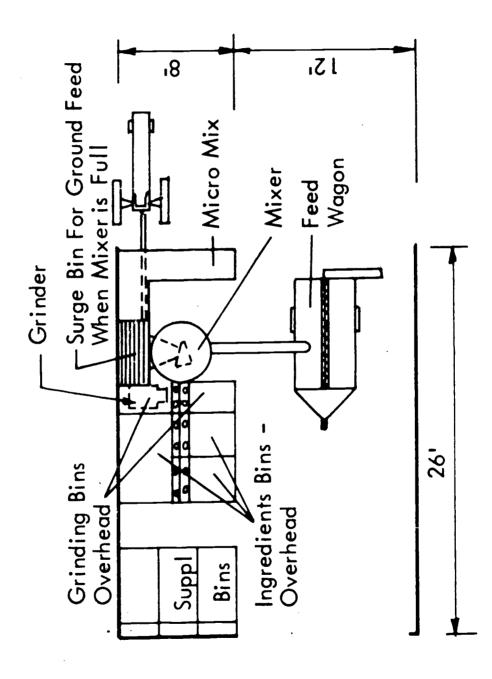
also used to transfer supplements to the underfloor hopper of the small auger-elevator into the supplement hopper of the transport. Materials from the grinding bins and weigh buggy may also be transferred into Grain and feed supplies are received through the cross-drive conveyor and the vertical leg. Materials These weighed amounts flow into the grinding hopper of the transport by gravity. The weigh buggy is are drawn from the grain bins or work bins into the weigh buggy, then elevated to the grinding bins. the hopper of the main leg, and elevated into the load-out bins over the driveway. NOTE:

Equal-Shedded Building - end view

Transport Grinder-Mixer FEED PROCESSING LAYO

Work Bins

### Equal-Shedded Building



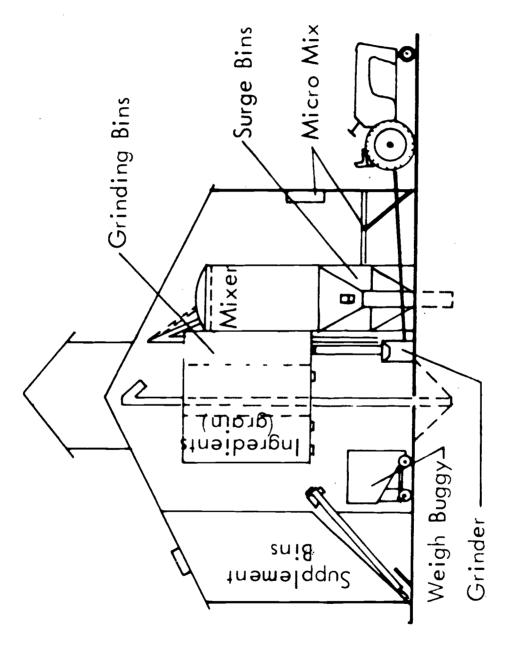
filling surge bin while the mixer is processing the previously ground batch. The layout above includes surge bins so the grinder can run continuously, NOTE:

Cross-drive conveyor to main leg, and bins over the drive may be added to the lament.

SOURCE: Planning Grain-Feed Handling, p. 24.

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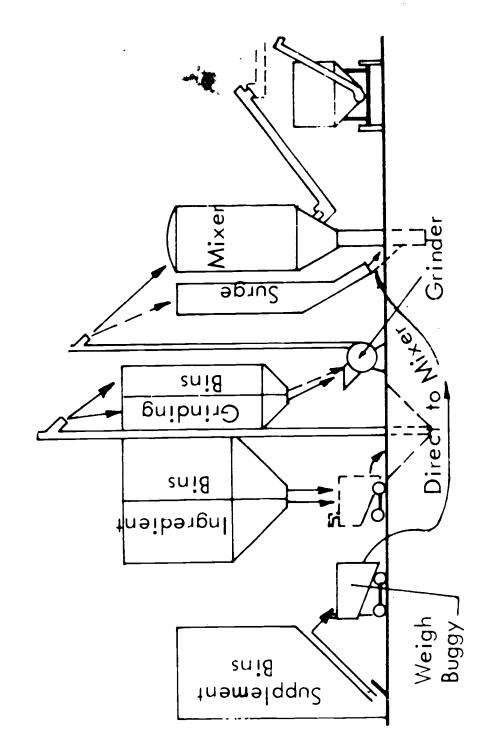
Equal-Shedded Building - Side View



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STATIONARY PTO GRINDER WITH MIXER

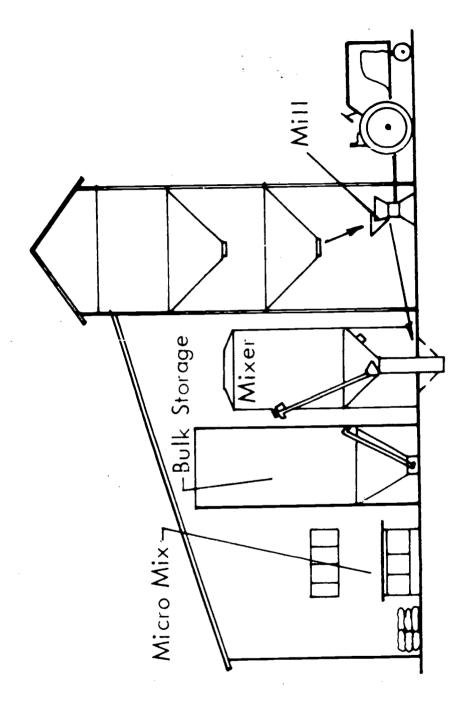
Equal-Shedded Building - Flow Pattern



SOURCE: Planning Grain-Feed Handling, p. 24.



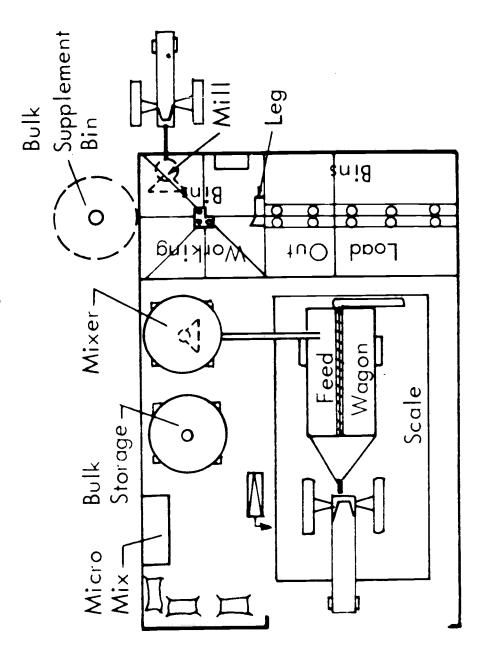
### Offset Building



The layout above has the grinder nearer the tractor (which may be replaced with a portable dryer during harvest season), and under the overhead bins. NOTE:

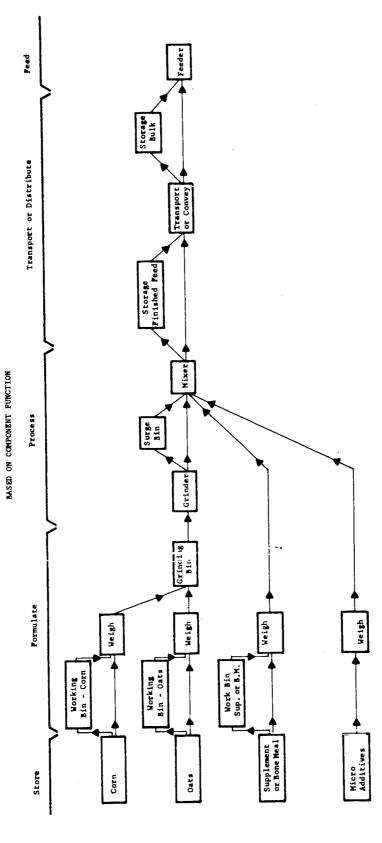
SOURCE: Planning Grain-Feed Handling, p. 24.

Offset Building - Top View



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FLOW DIAGRAM FOR A STATIONARY GRINDER AND MIXER IN A FARM FEED PROCESSING SYSTEM

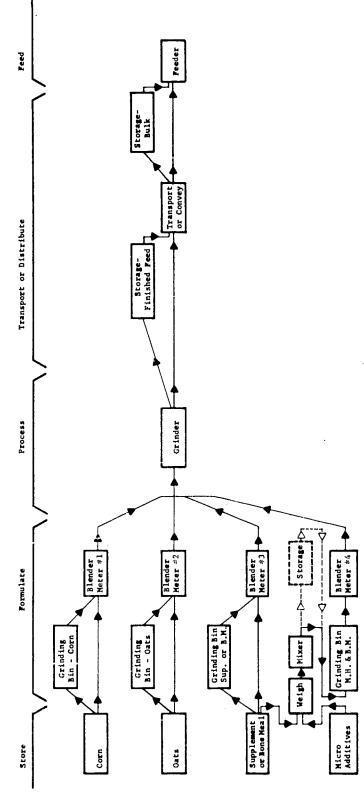


NOTE: The flow diagram applies to both tractor and electric powered units. It also applies to a transport grinder-mixer, if the surge bin between the grinder and mixer is eliminated.

SOURCE: KY. RECC.

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FEED DIAGRAM FOR AN AUTOMATIC BLENDER-GRINDER IN A FARM FRED PROCESSING SYSTEM BASED ON COMPONENT FUNCTION



NOTE: The two alternate flow paths from the grain or supplement storage to the blender meter represent a gravity fed mill (using the grinding bin) and a ground level mill (using a direct connected feeder convey or with a flow control hopper over the blender meter.)

KY. RECC. SOURCE:

APPENDIX

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### MY TEACHING PLAN FOR THIS COURSE

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This page is for your convenience in planning and rearranging the content of this course to meet local needs and interests. Plan the course as it will be taught in the local school, showing the dates, class session number, topics, and the time in hours allocated to each topic.







### TOPIC PLANNING FOR THIS COURSE

Name of Course
Name of Topic
Number of Class Meetings Allotted for this Topic
Teaching Objectives: (Learnings or outcomes for those enrolled)
Major Phases of the Topic: (Problems, jobs, areas, skills, key points, understandings, etc.)  Learning Activities: (Field trips, completing summary forms, panel discussions, demonstrations, etc.)
Teaching Materials Needed: (From resource material list or file)





### RESOURCE MATERIALS FOR TEACHING

Unit	Lesson	
Down and Double	Date	File
Relarence Books	Used	Location
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Other References: Bullet	ins, Magazines, Etc.	
Audio-Visuals: Slide	s, Filmstrips, Motion Pictures	
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Magnetic, Flannel, and Bu	lletin Boards	
Charts, Maps, Posters		
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Transparencies		
Specimens, Models, Mo	ounts	
Human and Community Re	esources	<del></del>
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### ADULT INSTRUCTIONAL UNIT EVALUATION

-- A Questionnaire for Kentucky VoAg Teachers of Adults

PART I -- GENERAL INFORMATION

How many years of teaching experience do you have?
How many years have you taught adults in agriculture?
How long has it been since you have taken your last college classwork in agriculturein education; (undergraduate, graduate, or non-credit course)?
What is the highest degree you hold?
How many teachers are in your department?
What age level students do you teach? ( one) a)high school and adult b)adult only
How many other units from the University of Kentucky have you used in your teaching during the past few years?
PART II UNIT INFORMATION
NAME OF UNIT EVALUATED:
TYPE OF CLIENTELE TAUGHT:  Adult Farmer  Other Adults (please specify)
Average number attending class
Was the interest levelhigh?moderate?low?
How many lessons did you use? How many class periods?
Indicate any lesson you added or deleted
Directions: Place a check mark ( ) in the appropriate left hand column to rate the following components of the unit based on your own observations. A ranking of 5 represents an excellent rating decreasing to a rank of 1 for poor. For the open-ended questions please write on the back if additional space is needed.
Unit Design 5 4 3 2 1
General arrangement of parts  Appropriateness of format for teaching adults  Length of the unit  Usefulness of suggestions for using the unit  Number of lessons  Order of lessons  Specific comments:







	Objectives in the Unit			
5 4 3 <b>2 1</b>				
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	Reasonable to reach in the allotted time			
	Relevant to needs of the adult learner			
	Specific comments:			
	Technical Content			
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	Usefulness of introductory material			
	Sufficiently detailed for direct use in class			
	Related to objectives			
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	Appropriate items to be secured from class members			
	Suitable conclusions			
	Suitability of enrichment activities			
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	Adaptability to the teaching plan			
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### PART III -- GENERAL REACTION

Please indicate any other strengths and weaknesses that you have observed in the unit and any suggestions for improvement, revision, and/or implementation (use the back of this sheet if needed).

